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## **Agenda Item 6**

### **Appointments and Programme of Meetings**

**Falkirk Council**

**Title: Appointments and Programme of Meetings**

**Meeting: Council**

**Date: 24 March 2021**

**Submitted By: Director of Corporate and Housing Services**

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1. This report asks Council to consider making a number of appointments and changing the date of the next ordinary meeting.

**2. Recommendations**

**2.1. Council is invited to:-**

- (1) nominate a member to the Councillor position on Forth Valley Health Board for submission to the Scottish Ministers;**
- (2) appoint a Vice-Chair of the Integration Joint Board;**
- (3) consider creating an Older People's Champion and appointing a member to this position, and**
- (4) agree to move the Council meeting of 5 May to 18 May.**

**3. Considerations**

**Forth Valley Health Board**

- 3.1. Forth Valley Health Board is the public body responsible for the delivery and governance of health services in the council area. In terms of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978, the board must include a councillor nominated by each local authority within the board area and appointed by the Scottish Ministers, alongside the Chairman and other members appointed by the Scottish Ministers. The position is remunerated.
- 3.2. Cllr Black was nominated by Council at its Statutory Meeting on 24 May 2017. She has intimated her resignation from the position and there is now a resultant vacancy. Council is invited to nominate a member for submission to the Scottish Ministers.

### **Integration Joint Board**

- 3.3. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Integration Joint Board (IJB) rotate between the constituent parties (Council and Health Board) on a biennial basis. Cllr Collie was appointed as the Chair on 6 March 2019. Cllr Collie's term expires on 30 April 2021. From 1 May 2021 the Vice-Chair of the IJB falls to be appointed by Council from one of its Board members. These are Councillors Black, Collie and Meiklejohn.
- 3.4. Council is invited to appoint one of the above members as the Vice-Chair of the Integration Joint Board.

### **Older People's Champion**

- 3.5. The Council received a request from Age Scotland and the Scottish Older People's Assembly (SOPA) to ask that Council considers establishment of an Older People's Champion for Falkirk. Age Scotland is a charity which works to improve the lives of everyone over the age of 50 and SOPA is a membership organisation working to give a strong voice to Scotland's older people and to celebrate their contribution to society.
- 3.6. Older People's Champions are councillors who act as a link between the council and older people in the local area. Their responsibilities include ensuring older people's perspectives are understood in every policy area, feeding back on older people's concerns to the council, leading on council campaigns around older people's issues and helping to communicate council policy to older people and the wider community.
- 3.7. There was a vision for a network of Older People's Champions with representation from every council in Scotland. It would be a forum for older people's issues at local and national level, and a space where councillors could work together on shared challenges and collectively influence change.
- 3.8. SOPA had previously written to every local authority about the role and several, including Scottish Borders, Dumfries and Galloway and Dundee City, already have Champions in post.
- 3.9. Age Scotland can provide support to Older People's Champions, including information on issues affecting older people, a regular round-up of their work, and access to briefings and research publications. The Older People's Champions already in post have joined SOPA, which provides a space for them to network and share best practice to benefit older people.
- 3.10. Council is invited to consider whether it wishes to appoint an Older People's Champion and subsequently make an appointment to this position if desired.

### **Programme of Meetings**

- 3.11. Council previously agreed its Programme of Meetings for 2021 at its meeting of 30 September 2020 (ref FC24). Having consulted further with members since this time the timing of the May meeting of Council has been highlighted. The meeting is scheduled for 5 May 2021, falling the day before the Scottish Parliamentary election. It is proposed that Council agrees to change the date of the May Council from 5 May to 18 May.

## **4. Consultation**

- 4.1. No consultation has been carried out on the proposals contained within the report.

## **5. Implications**

### **Financial**

- 5.1 There are no financial implications arising from the report recommendations.

### **Resources**

- 5.2 There are no resource implications arising from the report recommendations.

### **Legal**

- 5.3 There are no legal implications arising from the report recommendations.

### **Risk**

- 5.4 There are no risk implications arising from the report recommendations.

### **Equalities**

- 5.5 An equality and poverty impact assessment was not required.

### **Sustainability/Environmental Impact**

- 5.6 A sustainability assessment has not been completed as part of compiling the report.

## **6. Conclusions**

- 6.1 This report invites Council to make a number of decisions relating to appointments and to consider moving the date of its next meeting.

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**Appendices**

None.

**List of Background Papers:**

No papers were relied on in the preparation of this report in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.