

REPORT TO: East Lothian Council
MEETING DATE: 8 June 2010
BY: Chief Executive
SUBJECT: Appointment of Council Leader

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1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To seek Council approval of the appointment of a new Council Leader, replacing Councillor David Berry.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Council agrees to the appointment of Councillor Paul McLennan as Council Leader, with immediate effect.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Councillor David Berry has intimated that he wishes to relinquish his position as Council Leader and as a member of the Cabinet. The Administration is proposing that Councillor Paul McLennan be appointed as the new Council Leader.
- 3.2 Should the Council approve the appointment of Councillor McLennan to the position of Council Leader, changes will be required both to the membership of Council committees and the representation of Members on outside bodies. A further report detailing and seeking approval of such changes will be presented to the Council at its meeting on 22 June 2010.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None.

5 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 This report is not applicable to the well being of equalities groups and an Equalities Impact Assessment is not required.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Financial – The appointment of Councillor McLennan to the post of Council Leader attracts an increase from his existing annual allowance of £20,294 as a Senior Councillor to that of £27,058 as the Council Leader. Councillor Berry’s annual allowance will reduce from that of Council Leader to £16,234 as an ordinary councillor. The Head of Finance has confirmed that these changes still conform to the requirements of the relevant SLARC (Scottish Local Authorities Remuneration Committee) regulations and can be contained within the existing budget for the Chief Executive’s Office.
- 6.2 Personnel - None.
- 6.3 Other – None.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 Report to Council on 15 May 2007 – Appointments to Outside Bodies as Proposed by the Administration
- 7.2 Report to Council on 26 June 2007 – Appointment of Committees etc of the Council, and the Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies – Update Report
- 7.3 Report to Council on 25 August 2009 – Appointment to Committees of the Council – Update Report
- 7.4 East Lothian Council Standing Orders

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