

External Appointments

Policy Development

This paper simply seeks to notify elected members about COSLA's representation on two external bodies and to reach agreement over how these are handled.

Summary and Recommendations

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Reference

No previous papers of relevance

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Appointments to External Bodies

Policy Development

1. The Crofting Stakeholders Forum continues to consider a broad range of policy matters, to provide strategic oversight of this area. A recent agenda included items on the Less Favoured Area Support Scheme, affordable housing supply, crofting development, croft house grant scheme, approaches to common grazing land, new entrants, and feed-back from a National Farmers Union Scotland workshop.
2. The British Board of Film Classification offers guidance to local authorities over the classifications for films to be shown in cinemas. It also applies directly the classifications to DVDs, on-demand and other digital ways of accessing films, adverts, music videos, etc. They have a stakeholder role in several sensitive areas including pornography and material that may incite self harm and acts of terrorism. Relationships with Councils and others needing reassurance about the BBFC's role are managed through its Consultative Committee.
3. The two arrangements meet four and three times a year respectively.

Current COSLA Position

4. COSLA nominates two elected members to attend the Crofting Stakeholders Commission. During the last administration these were Cllr Robin Currie – Argyll and Bute, and David Crichton – Western Isles. Both were returned at the recent Local Government elections and would be happy to continue in their roles.
5. COSLA nominates one elected member on to the BBFC Consultative Council. This is normally the Community Wellbeing Spokesperson, but if they are not able to attend their place can be taken by another nominee.

What is changing?

6. Given the new Administration the nominations need to be confirmed or refreshed.

Proposed COSLA position & Next steps

7. Elected members are invited to agree the continuation of the current arrangements for the Crofting Stakeholders Forum and to note that the Community Wellbeing Spokesperson will attend the BBFC Consultative Council – although a substitute may be desirable for when she is unable to attend. If the meeting agrees then a volunteer substitute will be required.

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