

Appointments to Outside Bodies

Summary and Recommendations

In line with COSLA's Constitution, this report seeks Convention's approval for COSLA's appointments to outside bodies.

The Convention is invited to:

- i. Agree formally that Cllr Macgregor continue in her role as COSLA Representative on the LAMIT Council for this Local Government term;
- ii. Agree that the outstanding vacancy on the Children in Scotland Board of Directors be filled by Cllr Clare Steel;
- iii. Agree that the outstanding vacancies on the General Teaching Council of Scotland (GTCS) Council be filled from the membership of COSLA's Children and Young People Board, and that the final decision regarding these appointments is delegated to COSLA's Spokesperson for Children and Young People; and
- iv. Note the update provided in paragraphs 13 - 15 regarding COSLA's representation on the Scottish Local Government Pension Scheme Advisory Board, Teachers Pension Board, and Teachers' Scheme Advisory Board.

References

Previous key reports:

- 2022-06-17, Convention, Item 7 - Appointments to Outside, Employer and Other Bodies.

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Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for further appointments to outside bodies.

Local Authority Mutual Investment Trust (LAMIT) Council

2. Established in 1961 by the various associations of UK Local Government at the time, LAMIT is the trustee of The Local Authorities' Property Fund, which is managed by CCLA Investment Management Limited (Churches, Charities, Local Authorities).
3. In September 2020, COSLA's President received a letter from LAMIT's chair, Cllr Richard Kemp, seeking a representative from COSLA to join the LAMIT Council. Following agreement from Leaders in November 2020, this role was undertaken by Cllr Gail Macgregor in her then capacity as COSLA's Resources Spokesperson.
4. Given the substantial induction already undertaken by Cllr Macgregor, and the relevance of LAMIT's connection to sustainable investment also to the remit of the Environment and Economy Spokesperson, it is proposed that Cllr Macgregor continue to represent COSLA on the LAMIT Council, a proposal supported by COSLA's current Resources Spokesperson, Cllr Katie Hagmann.
5. In September, Leaders agreed that Cllr Macgregor should continue in her role on the LAMIT Council, pending the formal approval of Convention. Convention is asked to agree that Cllr Macgregor continue in this role for this Local Government term.

Children in Scotland Board of Directors and GTCS Council

6. Following the Local Government elections, nominations are required for seats on the Children in Scotland Board of Directors and the General Teaching Council Scotland (GTCS) Council.
7. Traditionally, these appointments have been drawn from within the COSLA Children and Young People Board's membership and the Board have been asked to provide nominations in relation to these vacancies.
8. One member of the Board is requested to sit on the Children in Scotland Board of Directors. Children in Scotland is a national network of organisations and individuals working for and with children and young people, which provides an independent voice to help influence positive change in policy and legislation, alongside a range of other work.
9. The Board have nominated Cllr Clare Steel to represent COSLA on the Children in Scotland Board of Directors.
10. In addition, two members of the Board are requested to sit on the General Teaching Council Scotland (GTCS) Council. The GTCS carries out a wide range of statutory functions to promote, support, and develop the professional learning of teachers, including maintaining the Register of Teachers; setting professional standards; accrediting courses; supporting teachers' professional learning and development; and advising partners.
11. At time of writing, the Board have not supplied nominations for the GTCS Council vacancies.

12. It is therefore proposed that COSLA's Spokesperson for Children and Young People, Cllr Buchanan, continue to work with the Children and Young People Board to fill these vacancies. Convention is asked to agree that Cllr Buchanan be delegated to agree these appointments to the GTCS Council, once nominations are received from the Children and Young People Board.

Scottish Local Government Pension Scheme Advisory Board (LGP SAB)

13. In June, Convention agreed that the three vacancies for COSLA elected member representatives on the Scottish Local Government Pension Scheme Advisory Board be filled by nominations from COSLA Political Group Leaders by mid-July.
14. Following this decision, Cllr Vaughan Moody, Cllr David Richardson, and Cllr Mandy Watt were appointed to the LGP SAB.

Teachers' Pension Board and Teachers' Scheme Advisory Board

15. Convention also agreed that COSLA officers work through the COSLA Resources Spokesperson and with the Scottish Public Pensions Agency to fill existing and planned vacancies on the Teachers' Pension Board and Teachers' Pension Scheme Advisory Board. These processes are currently ongoing and further details will be provided once finalised.

Next Steps

16. Convention is asked to approve the appointment to LAMIT of Cllr Macgregor, and to agree that the vacancies on the Children in Scotland and GTCS Council Boards be filled by members selected from COSLA's Children and Young People Board, as described above. In addition, Convention is asked to note the update provided regarding appointments to the Scottish Local Government Pension Scheme Advisory Board, Teachers Pension Board, and Teachers' Scheme Advisory Board.

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