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## NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

24 June 2020

### Emergency Governance Decisions (Covid-19 Outbreak)

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**Title:** Outside Body Appointment: Scotland Excel Executive Sub-Committee

**Purpose:** To recommend an Elected Member appointment to represent the Council on the Scotland Excel Executive Sub-Committee

**Recommendation:** That the Chief Executive, following appropriate consultation, agrees on behalf of the Council (a) to appoint Councillor Cullinane as the Council's main representative on the Scotland Excel Executive Sub-Committee; and (b) to note an outstanding vacancy for a named substitute representative on this outside body.

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#### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The report proposes the appointment of an Elected Member to represent the Council as its main representative on the Scotland Excel Executive Sub-Committee. This position has been vacant following the resignation of Councillor Donald L. Reid as the previous main representative on 16 August 2019. There is also an outstanding vacancy for a named substitute representative.

#### 2. Background

- 2.1 In light of the current Covid-19 outbreak, meetings of the Council and its committees have been suspended until 30 June 2020. During this period, the Scheme of Delegation to Officers already allows the Chief Executive to consider and deal with any urgent issues, howsoever arising, subject to reporting back to the Cabinet for information at the first available opportunity. Please see Section 5 for further details of the consultation which has been undertaken in the preparation of this report.
- 2.2 The Council is invited to be represented on the Scotland Excel Executive Sub-Committee by a main representative and a named substitute. This is a significant outside body and it is, therefore, recommended that consideration be given without delay to addressing the long-standing vacancies.
- 2.3 Political Group Leaders and Independent Members were invited to make nominations to fill the vacancies. In response, the following nomination has been received:

<b>Outside Body</b>	<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Proposed By</b>	<b>Seconded By</b>
Scotland Excel Executive Sub- Committee			
Main Representative	Cllr Cullinane	Cllr Donald Reid	Cllr Bell

- 2.4 No nominations have been received in respect of the named substitute position. This position, therefore, remains vacant.

### **3. Proposals**

- 3.1 The Chief Executive, following appropriate consultation, is invited on behalf of the Council to:

- (a) to appoint Councillor Cullinane as the Council's main representative on the Scotland Excel Executive Sub-Committee; and
- (b) to note an outstanding vacancy for a named substitute representative on this outside body.

### **4. Implications/Socio-economic Duty**

#### **Financial**

- 4.1 None arising from the recommendations within this report.

#### **Human Resources**

- 4.2 None arising from the recommendations within this report

#### **Legal**

- 4.3 In terms of the Council's Scheme of Administration, appointments to outside bodies would ordinarily require to be considered at a meeting of the Council. However, the Emergency Governance arrangements in place allow this matter to be determined by the Chief Executive, following consultation with political Group Leaders and the Independent Member representative.

#### **Equality/Socio-economic**

- 4.4 Benefits arise from ensuring that the Council is appropriately represented on a range of outside bodies.

#### **Environmental and Sustainability**

- 4.5 Benefits arise from ensuring that the Council is appropriately represented on a range of outside bodies.

## **Key Priorities**

- 4.6 Benefits arise from ensuring that the Council is appropriately represented on a range of outside bodies.

## **Community Wealth Building**

- 4.7 Benefits arise from ensuring that the Council is appropriately represented on a range of outside bodies.

## **5. Consultation**

- 5.1 Group Leaders and Independent Members were invited to submit nominations and, thereafter, Group Leaders and the Independent Member representative were duly consulted on the nomination received.

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## **Background Papers**

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