

## **Appointment of Vice-Chairman of Area West Committee**

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### **Purpose of the Report**

To agree to appoint a new Vice-Chairman of Area West Committee for the remainder of the Council year.

### **Public Interest**

At the Council meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> July, Members formally elected Councillor Val Keitch to be the new Leader of Council from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018. When Councillor Keitch took up her new position, it left a vacancy for the position of Chairman of the Area West Committee. This was subsequently filled by the then Vice-Chairman, Councillor Jason Baker, and so there is now a vacancy for the position of Vice-Chairman of the Area West Committee

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that Members appoint a new Vice-Chairman of the Area West Committee with immediate effect for the remainder of the Council year.

### **Report**

The Local Government Act 2000 (Part II) and the Council's Constitution require the Council to appoint a Leader of the Council at the start of each Council term. The appointment is normally for the whole of the Council term but the Constitution sets out the circumstances in which the appointment may end.

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, Councillor Pallister gave notice that he would be stepping down as Leader of the Council with effect from 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018. At the Council meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> July, Councillor Val Keitch was elected as the new Leader of Council from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018. This created a vacancy for the position of Chairman of Area West Committee from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018, to which the Committee subsequently elected Councillor Jason Baker. This now leaves a vacancy for the position of Vice-Chairman of the Area West Committee which Members are being asked to fill at this meeting.

### **Financial Implications**

There are no direct financial implications in taking this decision as there will still be the same number of District Councillors, Portfolio Holders and Committee Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen. The allowance associated with this appointment can be funded from the existing councillors' allowances budget.

### **Carbon Emissions Climate Change Implications**

There are no specific environmental implications arising from the subject matter of this report.

## **Equalities and Diversity Impact**

There are no specific equality or diversity implications arising from the subject matter of this report.

## **Background Papers**

The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007

District Executive Agenda and Minutes of meetings held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September & 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2010

Council Agenda and Minutes of meetings held on 16<sup>th</sup> September & 9<sup>th</sup> December 2010 & 19<sup>th</sup> May 2011

Council Agenda and Minutes of meetings held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2015 and 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

Area West Committee Agenda and Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

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