

To: Council

On: 12 December 2024

Report by: Director of Finance & Resources

Heading: Governance Report

1. Summary

- 1.1 The timetable of Council and Board meetings was agreed at the meeting of Council held on 9 May 2024. This report suggests an amendment to the date of the meeting of the Leadership Board due to be held on 30 April 2025.
- 1.2 The Labour Group has set out a number of changes to their representation on various Boards and outside bodies. These proposed changes are detailed in Section 3.2 of this report.
- 1.3 In terms of the Scheme of Delegated Functions, the Council has a reserved power to determine which major events are deserving of recognition by way of the lighting up of Council buildings and property. Paragraph 3.3 of this report details a request received to light up Bascule Bridge, Renfrew between 19 – 25 December 2024.
- 1.4 At its meeting on 5 November 2024, the Planning and Climate Change Policy Board, in respect of the preparation of the new Local Development Plan (LDP3), agreed that that a Member/Officer Working Group be established to allow Elected Members to consider evidence ahead of its submission to Full Council. Council is now asked to agree to delegate to the Head of Economy & Development authority to make the necessary arrangements for the establishment and meetings of the Working Group.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the meeting of the Leadership Board which has been timetabled to be held on 30 April 2025 now be held on 23 April 2025;
- 2.2 That Councillor G Graham replace Councillor Gilmour on the Audit, Risk & Scrutiny Board;
- 2.3 That Councillor G Graham replace Councillor Montgomery on the Infrastructure, Land and Environment Policy Board;
- 2.4 That Councillor Montgomery replace Councillor G Graham on the Leadership Board;
- 2.5 That Councillor McDonald replace Councillor G Graham on OneRen; and
- 2.6 That Councillor Ann-Dowling replace Councillor Mullin on the Glasgow Airport FlightPath Fund.
- 2.7 That consideration be given to the request to light up the Bascule Bridge either blue or green from 19 to 25 December 2024.
- 2.8 That authority be delegated to the Head of Economy & Development to make the necessary arrangements for the establishment and meetings of a Members/Officers Working Group to consider Local Development Plan evidence ahead of the submission of the LDP3 Evidence Report to Council.

3. Background

- 3.1 The timetable of Council and Board meetings was agreed at the meeting of Council held on 9 May 2024. It has become apparent when reviewing the meeting schedule for 2025 that a meeting for the Leadership Board has been programmed to be held on 30 April 2025, the day before the meeting of Council to be held on 1 May. With the agreement of the Convener of the Board, Councillor Nicolson, it is proposed that the meeting of the Leadership Board now be held on 23 April 2025.
- 3.2 The Labour Group has proposed that Councillor G Graham replace Councillor Gilmour on the Audit, Risk & Scrutiny Board; that Councillor G Graham replace Councillor Montgomery on the Infrastructure, Land and Environment Policy Board; that Councillor Montgomery replace Councillor G Graham on the Leadership Board; that Councillor McDonald replace Councillor G Graham on OneRen; and that Councillor Ann-Dowling replace Councillor Mullin on the Glasgow Airport FlightPath Fund.

- 3.3 Brightest Star is a local charity established to raise awareness and funds to help people save children's lives and to support families who have lost a child. A local parent founded Brightest Star following the loss of her young son, Jack, on 19 December 2012. Jack would have celebrated his 18th Birthday on 25 December 2024 and a request has been received to light Bascule Bridge, Renfrew either blue or green between 19 - 25 December to support Jack's parents at this poignant time.
- 3.4 At its meeting on 5 November 2024, the Planning and Climate Change Policy Board, in respect of the preparation of the new Local Development Plan (LDP3), agreed that that a Member/Officer Working Group be established to allow Elected Members to consider evidence ahead of its submission to Full Council. The Board agreed that the Group will have member representation in broad proportion to the overall Board political party representation, with the Board Convenor being asked to extend his role to also cover the chairing of the Working Group. It was also agreed that officers would develop further details and report them to the Board. Council is now asked to agree to delegate to the Head of Economy & Development authority to make the necessary arrangements for the establishment and meetings of the Working Group.

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – The costs of lighting the bridge will be met from existing budgets.
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – none.
3. **Community/Council Planning** – none.
4. **Legal** – as set out in the report
5. **Property/Assets** – none.
6. **Information Technology** – none.
7. **Equality & Human Rights**
The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.
8. **Health & Safety** – none.

9. **Procurement** – none.
 10. **Risk** – none.
 11. **Privacy Impact** - none
 12. **Climate Risk** - none
 13. **Cosla Policy Position** – none.
 14. **Children’s Rights** – none
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List of Background Papers:

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