

## **Item: 5**

**Policy and Resources Committee: 18 June 2019.**

**Innovation Fund Consultative Group.**

**Report by Chief Executive.**

### **1. Purpose of Report**

To make appointments to the Innovation Fund Consultative Group.

### **2. Recommendations**

The Committee is invited to note:

#### **2.1.**

The existing constitutional arrangements of the Innovation Fund Consultative Group as follows:

- Vice Chairs of Service Committees.
- Three other members.

#### **2.2.**

That, on 14 May 2019, the Policy and Resources Committee deferred making appointments to the Innovation Fund Consultative Group to enable the Vice Chairs of the Service Committees to be elected.

#### **2.3.**

That the following appointments have now been confirmed:

- Vice Chair, Policy and Resources Committee – Councillor W Leslie Manson.
- Vice Chair, Development and Infrastructure Committee – Councillor Andrew Drever.
- Vice Chair, Education, Leisure and Housing Committee – Councillor Alexander G Cowie.
- Vice Chair, Orkney Health and Care Committee – Councillor Kevin F Woodbridge.

#### **2.4.**

That, as the term of this Council is five years, it is proposed that appointments to the Innovation Fund Consultative Group should last for the remainder of the term of this Council, namely for three years until May 2022.

**It is recommended:**

### **2.5.**

To make the three other appointments, noting the appointment of the Vice Chairs of the Service Committees, as detailed at paragraph 2.3 above.

### **2.6.**

That appointments to the Innovation Fund Consultative Group should be for the remainder of the term of this Council, namely for three years to May 2022.

## **3. Background**

### **3.1.**

The Spend to Save Member/Officer Working Group was initially established in February 2010 with the following remit:

- To oversee progress of the Spend to Save scheme.
- To consider ongoing funding arrangements.
- To consider and review evaluation criteria for applications.
- To consider applications for funding.

### **3.2.**

Membership of the Spend to Save Working Group comprised the Vice Chairs of the Service Committees, together with one other member. In July 2012, membership was amended to include three other members.

### **3.3.**

In February 2015, the Spend to Save Development Fund was renamed the Innovation Fund, with revised operating protocols. The current remit of the Innovation Fund Consultative Group is as follows:

- To oversee progress of the Innovation Fund including progress with funded projects.
- To consider new applications for funding, prior to consideration by the Policy and Resources Committee.

### **3.4.**

Membership of the Innovation Fund Consultative Group for the period May 2017 to May 2019 was as follows:

- Vice Chair, Policy and Resources Committee – Councillor W Leslie Manson.
- Vice Chair, Development and Infrastructure Committee – Councillor Andrew Drever.
- Vice Chair, Education, Leisure and Housing Committee – Councillor John A R Scott.

- Vice Chair, Orkney Health and Care Committee – Councillor Kevin F Woodbridge.
- Councillor Norman R Craigie.
- Councillor Stephen Sankey.
- Councillor Magnus O Thomson.

## **4. Appointments**

### **4.1.**

On 14 May 2019, when reviewing appointments to various sub-committees, working groups and other bodies within the remit of the Committee, the Policy and Resources Committee resolved that appointments to the Innovation Fund Consultative Group be deferred, to the next meeting of the Committee, following which the Vice Chairs of the Service Committees would be elected.

### **4.2.**

The following appointments have now been confirmed:

- Vice Chair, Policy and Resources Committee – Councillor W Leslie Manson.
- Vice Chair, Development and Infrastructure Committee – Councillor Andrew Drever.
- Vice Chair, Education, Leisure and Housing Committee – Councillor Alexander G Cowie.
- Vice Chair, Orkney Health and Care Committee – Councillor Kevin F Woodbridge.

### **4.3.**

The Committee is invited to make appointments to the three other vacancies.

### **4.4.**

As this Council is for a five year term, it is proposed that appointments made to the Innovation Fund Consultative Group should last for the remainder of the term of this Council, namely for three years until May 2022.

## **5. Corporate Governance**

This report relates to governance and procedural issues and therefore does not directly support and contribute to improved outcomes for communities as outlined in the Council Plan and the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan.

## **6. Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications arising directly as a result of the recommendations of this report.

## **7. Legal Aspects**

### **7.1.**

With limited exceptions, section 56 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 provides that a local authority may arrange for the discharge of any of their functions by a committee of the authority, a sub-committee, an officer of the authority or by any other local authority in Scotland. The discharge of functions also includes doing anything which is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of any of these functions.

### **7.2.**

There are no statutory rules in force in Scotland as to which councillors should be appointed to which committee. Councils have a free hand to decide the membership of their committees and sub-committees.

### **7.3.**

A consultative group is not a committee or sub-committee of the Council. A consultative group does not have delegated authority to make decisions.

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