

## The Highland Council

Minutes of **City of Inverness Area Committee** took place **Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness** on **Wednesday 8 June 2022** at **10.00 am**.

### **Present:**

Mr C Aitken	Mrs J Hendry
Mr C Ballance	Ms E Knox
Mr B Boyd	Mrs I MacKenzie
Mr I Brown	Mr R MacKintosh
Mr M Cameron	Mr A MacKintosh
Mrs G Campbell-Sinclair	Ms K MacLean
Mr A Christie	Mr D Macpherson
Ms H Crawford	Mrs B McAllister
Mr D Fraser	Ms M Reid
Mr K Gowans	Mrs T Robertson
Mr A Graham	Mr A Sinclair
Mr D Gregg	

### **Non-Members also present:**

Mr B Lobban	Mr P Oldham
Mr G MacKenzie	

### **Officials in Attendance:**

Ms D Manson, Chief Executive  
Ms K Lackie, Acting Depute Chief Executive and Executive Chief Officer, Performance & Governance  
Ms A Clark, Head of Policy & Reform, Community and Place  
Mr D Haas, Inverness City Area Manager, Community and Place  
Mr A Coyle, Corporate Communications and Engagement Officer  
Miss J MacLennan, Principal Administrator, Performance and Governance Service  
Mr A MacInnes, Committee Officer, Performance and Governance Service  
Mrs O Bayon, Committee Officer, Performance and Governance Service

### **Miss J MacLennan in the Chair for Items 1-4.**

**An asterisk in the margin denotes a recommendation to the Council. All decisions with no marking in the margin are delegated to Committee.**

## **Business**

### **1. Apologies for Absence Leisgeulan**

There were no apologies for absence.

### **2. Declarations of Interest Foillseachaidhean Com-pàirt**

There were no Declarations of Interest

**3. Recess Powers  
Cumhachdan Fosaìdh**

The Committee **NOTED** that the recess powers granted by the Council at its meeting on 10 March 2022 had not been required to be exercised in relation to the business of this Committee.

**4. Appointment of Leader of Inverness and Area  
Cur an Dreuchd Ceannard Inbhir Nis agus a Sgìre**

Mr I Brown was nominated by Mr K Gowans and this was seconded by Mrs J Hendry.

Mrs T Robertson was nominated by Mrs I MacKenzie and this was seconded by Mr D Macpherson.

In a vote between the two candidates, Mr Brown received 12 votes and Mrs Robertson received 11 votes - with no abstentions.

It was therefore **AGREED** to appoint **Mr I Brown** as Leader of Inverness and Area – the votes having been cast as follows:-

**Votes for Mr I Brown**

Mr C Ballance; Mr B Boyd; Mr I Brown; Mr M Cameron; Mrs G Campbell-Sinclair; Mr D Fraser; Mr K Gowans; Mrs J Hendry; Ms E Knox; Mr R MacKintosh; Ms K MacLean; Ms M Reid.

**Votes for Mrs T Robertson**

Mr C Aitken; Mr A Christie; Ms H Crawford; Mr A Graham; Mr D Gregg; Mrs I MacKenzie; Mr A MacKintosh; Mr D Macpherson; Mrs B McAllister; Mrs T Robertson; Mr A Sinclair.

**(At this point, Mr Brown took the Chair).**

**5. New Post of Depute Leader of Inverness and Area  
Dreuchd Ùr Iar-Ceannard Inbhir Nis agus a Sgìre**

The Committee were invited to consider the creation of a new post of Depute Leader of Inverness and Area. In this regard, a job description was tabled at the meeting.

The Committee **AGREED** to establish a new post of Depute Leader of Inverness and Area.

**6. Appointment of Depute Leader of Inverness and Area  
Cur an Dreuchd Iar-Ceannard Inbhir Nis agus a Sgìre**

Having been nominated by Mr B Boyd and seconded by Ms M Reid, and there being no other candidates, the Committee **AGREED** to appoint **Mr C Ballance** as Depute Leader of Inverness and Area

**7. Appointment of Provost  
Cur an Dreuchd Phròbhaist**

Mrs G Campbell-Sinclair was nominated by Mr K Gowans and this was seconded by Ms K MacLean.

Mr A Graham was nominated by Mr D Macpherson and this was seconded by Mrs E McAllister.

In a vote between the two candidates, Mrs Campbell Sinclair received 12 votes and Mr Graham received 11 votes - with no abstentions.

The Committee therefore **AGREED** to appoint **Mrs G Campbell-Sinclair** as Provost of Inverness and Area – the votes having been cast as follows:-

**Votes for Mrs G Campbell-Sinclair**

Mr C Ballance; Mr B Boyd; Mr I Brown; Mr M Cameron; Mrs G Campbell-Sinclair; Mr D Fraser; Mr K Gowans; Mrs J Hendry; Ms E Knox; Mr R MacKintosh; Ms K MacLean; Ms M Reid.

**Votes for Mr A Graham**

Mr C Aitken; Mr A Christie; Ms H Crawford; Mr A Graham; Mr D Gregg; Mrs I MacKenzie; Mr A MacKintosh; Mr D Macpherson; Mrs B McAllister; Mrs T Robertson; Mr A Sinclair.

**8. Appointments of two Depute Provosts of Inverness and Area  
Cur an Dreuchd dà Iar-Phròbhaist do dh'Inbhir Nis agus a Sgìre**

Mrs B McAllister was nominated by Mr A Graham and this was seconded by Mr A MacKintosh.

Mrs J Hendry was nominated by Mr K Gowans and this was seconded by Mr B Boyd

Ms I MacKenzie was nominated by Ms H Crawford and this was seconded by Mrs T Robertson.

Ms M Reid was nominated by Mrs J Hendry and this was seconded by Ms K MacLean.

On a vote being taken, Mrs McAllister received 11 votes, Mrs J Hendry received 12 votes, Mrs I MacKenzie received 9 votes and Ms M Reid received 12 votes the votes having been cast as follows:-

**Votes for Mrs B McAllister**

Mr C Aitken; Mr A Christie; Ms H Crawford; Mr A Graham; Mr D Gregg; Mrs I MacKenzie; Mr A MacKintosh; Mr D Macpherson; Mrs B McAllister; Mrs T Robertson; Mr A Sinclair.

**Votes for Mrs J Hendry**

Mr C Ballance; Mr B Boyd; Mr I Brown; Mr M Cameron; Mrs G Campbell-Sinclair; Mr D Fraser; Mr K Gowans; Mrs J Hendry; Ms E Knox; Mr R MacKintosh; Ms K MacLean; Ms M Reid.

**Votes for Mrs I MacKenzie**

Mr C Aitkin; Mr A Christie; Ms H Crawford; Mr A Graham; Mr D Gregg; Mrs I MacKenzie; Mr D Macpherson; Mrs T Robertson; Mr A Sinclair.

**Votes for Ms M Reid**

Mr C Ballance; Mr B Boyd; Mr I Brown; Mr M Cameron; Mrs G Campbell-Sinclair; Mr D Fraser; Mr K Gowans; Mrs J Hendry; Ms E Knox; Mr R MacKintosh; Ms K MacLean; Ms M Reid.

On a second vote being taken between the candidates with the most votes Mrs McAllister received 11 votes, Mrs J Hendry received 12 votes and Ms M Reid received 13 votes the votes having been cast as follows:-

**Votes for Mrs B McAllister**

Mr C Aitken; Mr A Christie; Ms H Crawford; Mr A Graham; Mr D Gregg; Mrs I MacKenzie; Mr A MacKintosh; Mr D Macpherson; Mrs B McAllister; Mrs T Robertson; Mr A Sinclair.

**Votes for Mrs J Hendry**

Mr C Ballance; Mr B Boyd; Mr I Brown; Mr M Cameron; Mrs G Campbell-Sinclair; Mr D Fraser; Mr K Gowans; Mrs J Hendry; Ms E Knox; Mr R MacKintosh; Ms K MacLean; Ms M Reid.

**Votes for Ms M Reid**

Mr C Ballance; Mr B Boyd; Mr I Brown; Mr M Cameron; Mrs G Campbell-Sinclair; Mr D Fraser; Mr K Gowans; Mrs J Hendry; Ms E Knox; Mr R MacKintosh; Ms K MacLean; Mr D Macpherson; Ms M Reid.

It was **AGREED** to appoint **Mrs J Hendry** and **Ms M Reid** to the positions of Depute Provosts for Inverness and Area.

**9. Appointments to Sub-Committee, Working Groups etc  
Cur an Dreuchd gu Fo-Chomataidhean, Buidhnean-obrach is eile**

The Committee **APPROVED** the membership of the following Sub-Committees, Working Groups etc –

- (i) Inverness Common Good Fund Grants Sub-Committee – Mr C Aitkin, Mr B Ballance, Mr M Cameron, Ms G Campbell Sinclair, Mr A Graham, Mrs B McAllister, Mrs I MacKenzie, Ms K MacLean, Ms M Reid and Mr A Sinclair
- (ii) Events and Festivals Working Group – Ms G Campbell-Sinclair, Mrs J Hendry, Mrs I MacKenzie, Mr R MacKintosh and Ms M Reid

**10. Minutes  
Geàrr-chunntas**

The Committee:-

- i. **NOTED** the City of Inverness Area Committee held on 17 February 2022 and 8 March 2022; and
- ii. **APPROVED** Inverness East Sports Facilities Working Group held on 31 March 2022.

The meeting ended at 10.35 am.