

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Purpose

1. To invite the Council to approve changes to Committee membership.

Discussion

2. The Council's Standing Orders make provision for the appointment of committee members.
3. Standing Order 2.5 of the Council's Standing Orders provides that committee members will be appointed for a period of three years, beginning from the date upon which the Council approved the appointment. On the expiry of a period of appointment, the Council may agree to appoint a member for a further period of up to three years.
4. As a number of the Council's Committees have now been established for over three years tenure periods for committee members are continuing to expire.
5. Membership of committees is determined by Committee chairs, in discussion with the Lord President as appropriate, with appointments being approved by the Council in line with the Standing Orders.
6. Members are invited to consider the following changes in committee membership:

Costs and Funding Committee

7. Yvonne MacDermid's tenure period is due to expire on 6 July 2018. Lord Burns, Chair of the Costs and Funding Committee, and Ms. MacDermid have both confirmed that they are content for Ms. MacDermid to be re-appointed.
8. **Members are invited to approve the re-appointment of Yvonne MacDermid to the Costs and Funding Committee for a further period of 3 years from 6 July 2018.**

Family Law Committee

9. Solicitor member Stephen Brand is retiring from private practice and has tendered his resignation to Lord Brailsford as Chair of the Committee with effect from 31 May 2018.
10. Lord Brailsford is keen to appoint a solicitor who has similar experience to Mr Brand in terms of a more rural practice and has consulted the Council's register of interest. Although there are a number of candidates who would be useful members of the Committee in terms of their knowledge and practice experience, he seeks to nominate Ms Fiona Campbell of MacLeod and MacCallum in Inverness to provide the Committee with representation from the Highlands.
11. The Lord President is content with this nomination.

- 12. Members are invited to consider and approve the appointment of Ms Fiona Campbell of MacLeod and MacCallum to the Family Law Committee with effect from 31 May 2018.**

Council representation - SCTS LIT Observer

13. In February 2018, members approved the appointment of Nicola Anderson to be the SCTS LIT representative on the Council, following Jane MacDonald's retirement in March.
14. Members noted that amendments would also be required to be made to the LIT observers for a number of Council Committees and that final decisions would be made once Nicola took up post.
15. SCTS proposes that Nicola Anderson be appointed as a direct replacement for Jane MacDonald on the Costs and Funding Committee; the Information and Communications Technology Committee and the Rules Rewrite Committee.
- 16. Members are invited to approve the appointment of Nicola Anderson to be the SCTS LIT representative on the Costs and Funding Committee; the Information and Communications Technology Committee and the Rules Rewrite Committee with immediate effect.**

Recommendation

- 17. The Council is invited to:**

- **approve the re-appointment for Yvonne MacDermid to the Costs and Funding Committee for a further period of three years from 6 July 2018;**
- **consider and approve the appointment of Ms Fiona Campbell to the Family Law Committee with effect from 31 May 2018; and**
- **approve the appointment of Nicola Anderson to be the SCTS LIT representative on the Costs and Funding Committee; the Information and Communications Technology Committee and the Rules Rewrite Committee with immediate effect.**

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