

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

### **Purpose**

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

### **Discussion**

2. The Council's Standing Orders make provision for the appointment of committee members.

#### *Committee membership for Council members*

3. Council members are normally also appointed to serve on one of the Council's Committees. Standing Order 2.5 provides that a Council member's period of appointment to a committee will run concurrently with their appointment to the Council.
4. Tenure periods for the Council's solicitor members Jacqueline Harris and Paul Reid are due to expire on 15 October 2017. The recruitment exercise to fill these vacancies is almost complete. Once successful candidates are appointed, committee membership will be considered in light of those appointments.

#### *Expiry of tenure periods for Committee members*

5. Standing Order 2.5 also 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.
6. 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.
7. To date, membership of committees has been 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.

8. Antony Jones' tenure period is due to expire on 24 November 2017. Lord Tyre, Chair of the ICT Committee, has indicated that he is content for Mr Jones to be re-appointed, and Mr Jones has confirmed that he will accept re-appointment.

### **Recommendation**

9. **The Council is invited to approve the re-appointment of Antony Jones to the ICT Committee for a further period of 3 years from 24 November 2017.**

**Scottish Civil Justice Council Secretariat**

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