

REPORT

To: CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE		Subject: APPOINTMENTS TO PRISON VISITING COMMITTEES
From: HEAD OF CENTRAL SERVICES		
Date: 15 August 2012	Ref: CA/Prison/1 LD/RM	

1. **Purpose of Report**

The report submits for the consideration of the Committee a recommendation with regard to appointments to Addiewell and Barlinnie Prison Visiting Committees.

2. **Background**

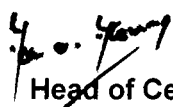
- 2.1. Visiting Committees act as independent observers on behalf of the Justice Minister, are statutory bodies and are appointed by local authorities.
- 2.2. The Council, in terms of the Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Scotland) Rules 1994, as amended, are responsible for the appointment of members to Addiewell, Barlinnie and Shotts Prison Visiting Committees.

3. **Vacancies at Addiewell and Barlinnie Prison Visiting Committees**

- 3.1. A letter of resignation has recently been received from Mr. Charles Heberton in respect of his membership of Addiewell Prison Visiting Committee.
- 3.2. As a result of this resignation and due to an outstanding vacancy on Addiewell Visiting Committee, there now falls to be two vacancies to be filled by the Council. There is also an outstanding vacancy at Barlinnie Prison Visiting Committee to be filled by the Council.
- 3.3. An expression of interest in membership of both Visiting Committees has been expressed by Ms. Rees Gallacher, a current and experienced member of Shotts Prison Visiting Committee.
- 3.4. It is proposed therefore that the Committee recommend to the Council that Ms. Rees Gallacher be appointed as a member of Addiewell Prison Visiting Committee and also as a member of Barlinnie Prison Visiting Committee. This would leave the Council with one vacancy on Addiewell Prison Visiting Committee to be filled.

4. **Recommendations**

- 4.1. That the Committee agree to recommend to the Council, the appointment of Ms. Rees Gallacher to both Addiewell and Barlinnie Prison Visiting Committees.
- 4.2. That it be noted that there is an outstanding vacancy on Addiewell Prison Visiting Committee to be filled.



Head of Central Services

Members seeking further information on the contents of this report are asked to contact Miss Lesley Deverick on telephone number 01698 302434.