1. **Introduction**

   1.1 To seek the approval of the continued appointment of Depute Convener; and Chair to the Planning and Access Committee.

2. **Recommendation**

   2.1 To agree that the term of the appointments of,
   a) Willie Nisbet as Depute Convener; and
   b) Petra Biberbach as Chair to the Planning and Access Committee continue in place from 15 March 2018 and are extended until 14 June 2018.

3. **Background**

   3.1 On 16 March 2015 the Park Authority Board approved the appointment of Willie Nisbet as Depute Convener to the Board and Petra Biberbach, as Chair of the Planning and Access Committee. The term of those appointments was for a period of 3 years. Accordingly, on 15 March 2018 the term of those appointments came to an end.

   3.2 The current Standing Orders make provision for the election of vacant positions by the Board. A report addressing this matter will be brought to the 14th of June Board.

   3.3 Standing Order 46 states that exceptionally, if a Board decision is required urgently and it is not possible to convene a meeting, the Convener or Depute Convener may decide to deal with the matter through correspondence.

   3.4 Prior to the Board sitting again, it is considered that there is a requirement to have in place a Depute Convener and Chair to the Planning and Access Committee, to deal with any scheduled business or other business which may arise.

   3.5 It is therefore recommended that Willie Nisbet continue in the role of Depute Convener; and Petra Biberbach continue in the role of Chair to the Planning and Access Committee until the Board meets on 14 June 2018.

   3.6 The Park Authority’s Standing Orders, available to view on the Park Authority’s website.

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