

## **1 PERTH PRISON VISITING COMMITTEE (AN213-2009)**

Reference is made to Article I of the minute of meeting of the City Council of 26th January, 2009, wherein it was agreed that Mr Jim Macauley be appointed to serve on this Committee and it be remitted to the Groups to forward any further Councillor or non-Councillor nominations to the Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) to fill the remaining vacancy or any future vacancy.

It is now reported that no nominations have been forwarded by the Groups to the Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) and following the resignation of Mr Trevor Bailey and the death of Mr Derry Fleming, there are now three vacancies on the Committee.

In the circumstances, it is suggested that it be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) to advertise the vacancies and that candidates be subject to an informal discussion with the Visiting Committee, a visiting to the prison and that recommendations regarding appointments be made to the City Council. All appointments would also be subject to a disclosure check.

It is also proposed that future vacancies for both Perth Prison Visiting Committee and the Open Estate Visiting Committee be dealt with in a similar manner.