

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL**25 October 2017****Report by Deputy Chief Executive****SUPPLIER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME – NOMINATION OF COUNCIL
REPRESENTATIVE****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To consider the nomination of an Elected Member to the Supplier Development Programme Board.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That Councillor Buchanan be nominated to the represent he Council on the Supplier development Programme Board.

REPORT

3. At the meeting of the Council on 24 May 2017, appointments to most of the Council's committees and a number of external organisations were made. However, it was reported that confirmation was still awaited from a number of bodies that they were seeking continued representation from the Council, and that once this confirmation was received, nominations would be sought.

4. Confirmation has now been received that continued representation is sought from the Council on the board of the Supplier Development Programme (SDP)

5. SDP is a partnership of Local Authorities, Scottish Government and other public bodies working together to bring support to businesses in all aspects of tendering. By assisting businesses to become tender ready for public procurement SDP improves all-round efficiency, sustainability and market potential. By helping businesses become more able to tender for contracts SDP improves their prospects when competing throughout the UK where there is an **annual public spend of £240billion**. Support is delivered through SDP organised training and events. Once businesses register with SDP they are able to access all of the support for free.

6. As regeneration and economic development were contained in his former portfolio, Councillor Buchanan was the Council's former representative on SDP. As these responsibilities have stated with Councillor Buchanan it is recommended that he be reappointed as the Council's nominee.

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7. That Councillor Buchanan be nominated to the represent he Council on the Supplier development Programme Board.

Local Government (Access to information) Act 1985.

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Background papers - None