

# THE UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN GENERAL COUNCIL MINUTE OF THE 320th (ADDITIONAL) MEETING

The 320th meeting of the General Council was held online on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024. The Convener of the Business Committee, Dr Duncan Macniven, was in the Chair. The purpose of the meeting was to elect members to the General Council Business Committee, as required under standing order number 20.

1 WELCOME

The Convener thanked everyone for attending and also the nominees who had put themselves forward for election to the Business Committee.

2. BUSINESS COMMITTEE ELECTION

The Clerk and Registrar to the General Council, Tracey Slaven, noted that there were 18 nominees for three vacancies on the Business Committee. In accordance with standing orders, a ballot was required to be held in a meeting of the General Council. As with other University elections, the ballot used a transferable vote process exercised using MS Forms. The 60 attendees of the meeting could vote for up to five nominees – so long as they had registered to attend the meeting and had their eligibility to participate confirmed.

Tracey Slaven explained that a provisional result would be announced at the end of the meeting and the three successful appointments confirmed after a final verification of the election result had been completed.

## 3. VOTING AND VERIFICATION OF RESULTS

Voting was opened via an MS Forms link. Attendees were given five minutes to complete and submit their voting forms. In this time, the Clerk responded to some technical questions and provided an alternative mechanism for those unable to access the link.

While the votes were being counted, the Convener provided an overview of the work of the Business Committee, its composition and its strategic focus.

#### 4. ELECTION RESULTS

The Clerk confirmed that, subject to a final verification after the meeting, the results of the ballot was that, in alphabetical order, the three nominees elected to the

Business Committee of the General Council were Fiona Dormandy, Derek Duthie and Professor Norman Hutchinson. Their terms of office would Start on 1 October 2024 and conclude on 30 September 2027.

# 5. CONVENER'S CLOSING REMARKS

The Convener congratulated those elected. He expressed his thanks to everyone who stood as nominees, as well as those who attended to vote and the team who organised the election and counted the votes. He noted that the next statutory meeting of General Council was scheduled for 7 December 2024

## CLERK'S NOTE

After the meeting, the final verification of votes was completed which confirmed the initial results announced in the meeting.