

ELECTION FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIR OF COURT 2022

Two candidates stood for election to the role of Chair of Court. The result of the ballot to select the Chair (Senior Lay Member in terms of the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016) was as follows:

Mr Bruce Pritchard – 743 votes (66%)

Total votes cast 1,132 (turnout 5.4%)

Mr Bruce Pritchard has therefore been elected as the Chair of Court from 1 October 2022.

OVERVIEW REPORT

The following report provides an overview on applicants for the role of Chair of Court. It is made available in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 (3) of the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016 (The Act).

Where the number is <5 the release of personal data is exempt from disclosure as it risks the potential identification of individuals involved in the process. As such, the disclosure of this personal data would breach their privacy and causing them substantial damage and distress. We therefore consider this information exempt under Section 38(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002: Personal data”.

Number of applications received for the role – 18

A Diversity Monitoring Form was used to collect personal information from applicants. Submission of a completed Diversity Monitoring Form was not compulsory. 16 forms were received from applicants and of those:

- 31% of applications were from female candidates and 69% of applications were received from male candidates.
- 56% of applications were from candidates age 61 and over;
- 88% of applications were from White candidates;
- No candidates disclosed a disability;
- 94% of candidates identified as heterosexual;
- 56% of candidates identified as Christian;
- 69% of candidates were British; and
- 63% of candidates had no caring responsibilities.

Number of applicants who reached the interview stage – 4

Number of candidates who satisfied the selection committee that they met the criteria and were therefore eligible to stand for election – 2