

TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

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APPOINTMENT OF NON-COUNCILLOR MEMBERS

REPORT BY SECRETARY

This report updates the Partnership on the position regarding appointment of a replacement non-Councillor Member following the resignation of Professor Malcolm Horner; asks the Partnership to delegate authority to conclude the process of appointing to the resultant vacancy; and seeks the Partnership's agreement to extension of the terms of appointment for Bill Wright and Professor Tony Wells.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 That the Partnership:-

- (i) notes the position with regard to appointment of a non-Councillor Member to replace Professor Malcolm Horner and agrees to delegate authority to the Executive Committee to conclude the appointment process;
- (ii) agrees to extend Bill Wright's term of office as non-Councillor Member of the Partnership until 30 September 2012;
- (iii) agrees to extend Professor Tony Wells' term of office as non-Councillor Member of the Partnership until 31 March 2011;
- (iv) agrees to receive a report on appointment of a replacement Health Sector representative on the Partnership Board to a future meeting; and
- (v) considers the appointment of a non-Councillor Member to the current vacancy on the Executive Committee.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting on 22 September 2009 the Partnership noted Ministerial endorsement of the appointment of Professor Tony Wells as Health Sector representative on the Partnership Board until 30 June 2010 (Report RTP/09/33 refers).
- 2.2 At its last meeting on 16 March 2010 the Partnership agreed to extend Bill Wright's term of office as a non-Councillor Member for a further 2 year period until 30 April 2010, subject to satisfactory appraisal review by the Chair, in accordance with Scottish Government procedures. The Partnership also noted the resignation of Professor Malcolm Horner from the position of non-Councillor Member with effect from 30 April 2010 and agreed to delegate authority to the Executive Committee to deal with the recruitment process to fill the resultant vacancy on the Partnership and make a recommendation of appointment to the Partnership (Report RTP/10/01 refers).

3 DISCUSSION

- 3.1 The vacancy arising from the resignation of Professor Malcolm Horner was publicly advertised in accordance with the process for Public Appointments with a closing date of 23 April 2010. A number of expressions of interest and requests for applications were received. Four applications were submitted by the closing date and all of these are deemed to have met the Essential Criteria for the position, as set out in Scottish Government Guidance.
- 3.2 It had been hoped to conclude the appointments process to enable a recommendation of appointment to be made to the Partnership at this meeting. However, diary pressures during May and early June have resulted in delays and the interviews will now take place on 21 June 2010. In order to enable an appointment to be made prior to the next Partnership meeting in September it is recommended that authority to make an appointment and submit this for Ministerial approval be delegated to the Executive Committee.
- 3.3 An appraisal review for Bill Wright has been successfully concluded by the Chair, supported by the Director and Secretary. It had previously been proposed that Bill Wright's term of office be extended for a further 2 years until 30 April 2012. In order to provide a greater degree of continuity beyond the next Local Authority elections in May 2012, it is now proposed that Bill Wright's term of office is extended until 30 September 2012, which the Partnership is asked to approve. Subject to the Partnership's agreement the necessary Ministerial endorsement of the extended term of appointment will be sought.
- 3.4 The current term of appointment of Professor Tony Wells as Health Sector representative on the Partnership Board expires on 30 June 2010. In discussions with the Director regarding possible extension of his current 2-year term Professor Wells has indicated that he intends to retire from his position as Chief Executive of NHS Tayside next year. Professor Wells has indicated that he is willing to remain on the Partnership Board until 31 March 2010, to enable a new Health Sector representative to be identified. It would be the intention to seek a new representative in consultation with Professor Wells and Health Board officials and a report on this will be submitted to a future meeting.
- 3.5 At the meeting on 16 March 2010 it was noted that the resignation of Professor Malcolm Horner also leaves a vacancy for a non-Councillor Member on the Executive Committee. It was agreed that Professor Horner would remain a member of the Executive Committee to participate in the process for appointing a successor, with the intention of appointing a replacement on the Executive Committee at this meeting. The Partnership is asked to consider appointment to the resultant vacancy on the Executive Committee.

4 CONSULTATIONS

- 4.1 The report has been prepared in consultation with the Director.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Costs associated with advertisement of the vacancy of non-Councillor member were met from the 2009/10 Revenue Budget. Costs associated with concluding the appointment process will be accommodated within the approved 2010/11 Revenue Budget.

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NOTE

The following background papers as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than these containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on in preparing the above report :-

Report to Partnership Board on 22 September 2009 : Appointment of Non-Councillor Members (RTP/09/33)

Report to Partnership Board on 16 March 2010 : Appointment of Non-Councillor Members (RTP/10/01)