

## TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

14 SEPTEMBER 2010

## APPOINTMENT OF NON-COUNCILLOR MEMBERS

## REPORT BY SECRETARY

This report updates the Partnership on the appointment of non-Councillor Members and asks the Partnership to consider appointing a non-Councillor Member to the Executive Committee.

**1 RECOMMENDATIONS**

## 1.1 That the Partnership:-

- (i) endorses the appointment of David Scotney to the position of non-Councillor Member for a term of 2 years until 30 September 2012;
- (ii) notes Ministerial endorsement of the appointment of David Scotney and the extension of appointments of Bill Wright and Professor Tony Wells; and
- (iii) considers the appointment of a non-Councillor Member to the current vacancy on the Executive Committee.

**2 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 At its meeting on 15 June 2010 the Partnership agreed to delegate authority to the Executive Committee to complete the process of appointing to the vacancy for a non-Councillor Member which had arisen as a result of the earlier resignation of Professor Malcolm Horner. The Partnership also agreed extensions to the terms of appointment for Bill Wright until 30 September 2012 and Professor Tony Wells until 3 March 2011 (Report RTP/10/10 refers).
- 2.2 On 15 June the Partnership also agreed to defer consideration of appointment to a vacancy for a non-Councillor Member on the Executive Committee, pending completion of the ongoing appointment process.

**3 DISCUSSION**

- 3.1 As reported on 15 June 2010, four applications for the vacancy on the Partnership Board were received by the closing of 23 April 2010. All of these were deemed to have met the Essential Criteria for the position, as set out in Scottish Government Guidance, and the candidates were interviewed by the Executive Committee on 21 June 2010.
- 3.2 Following consideration of the applicants' experience and performance at interview the Executive Committee unanimously agreed to offer the position to David Scotney. David brings to the Partnership a wealth of experience of working in transportation policy development and planning in both the public and private sectors. He worked for over 30 years in local government transportation planning and engineering with various authorities, laterally as

Head of Transportation with East Lothian Council until 2000. Since then he has worked on a range of strategic transport projects within private transport consultancy, recently retiring from this role in early August 2010.

- 3.3 Notification of the appointment of David Scotney and the approved extensions to the appointments of Bill Wright and Professor Tony Wells was submitted to the Scottish Government for Ministerial endorsement, in accordance with statutory requirements. On 23 August a letter was received confirming that the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change has endorsed these appointments.
- 3.4 At the meeting on 16 March 2010 it was noted that the resignation of Professor Malcolm Horner left 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. On 15 June the Partnership agreed to defer making an appointment to the Executive Committee pending completion of the appointment process. The Partnership is now asked to consider filling the vacancy for a non-Councillor Member 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 appointing to the vacancy of non-Councillor Member have been met from the 2009/10 and 2010/11 Revenue Budgets.

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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)

Report to Partnership Board on 15 June 2010 : Appointment of Non-Councillor Members (RTP/10/10)