

14 DECEMBER 2010

APPOINTMENT OF NON-COUNCILLOR MEMBER**REPORT BY SECRETARY**

<p>This report seeks the Partnership's agreement to the appointment of Mr Ken Armstrong as health sector representative on the Partnership Board, initially for a period of 2 years effective from 1 March 2011 until 31 March 2013.</p>
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1 RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 That the Partnership :-

- (i) approves the appointment of Mr Ken Armstrong as health sector representative on the Partnership Board for an initial period of 2 years from 1 March 2011 to 31 March 2013, and agrees to notify Scottish Government accordingly; and
- (ii) thanks Professor Tony Wells for his contribution during his time as a member of the Partnership.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Reflecting the important policy and delivery relationships between health and transport Scottish Government encourages Regional Transport Partnerships to appoint someone with direct experience or knowledge of the health sector as one of their non-Councillor members. At its meeting on 24 June 2008 the Partnership agreed to appoint Professor Tony Wells as health sector representative on the Partnership (Report RTP/08/13 refers).
- 2.2 At its meeting on 15 June 2010 the Partnership agreed to extend Professor Wells' two year term of appointment until 31 March 2011. Having noted Professor Wells' intention to retire from the post of Chief Executive of NHS Tayside in early 2011, and his intention to resign from the Partnership Board as a consequence of retiral, the Partnership also agreed to receive a report on appointment of a successor health sector representative at a future meeting (Report RTP/10/10 refers).

3 DISCUSSION

- 3.1 Professor Wells retires from his position as Chief Executive of NHS Tayside on 31 March 2011. Because of leave he will be unable to attend the Partnership's next quarterly meeting in March 2011.

- 3.2 The appointment of a successor with senior experience in the health sector and knowledge of the strategic relationships between health and transport has been the subject of discussion between the Director and Professor Wells. Arising from discussions it is proposed that the vacancy resulting from Professor Wells' retiral and resignation is filled by Mr Ken Armstrong, Director of Operations at NHS Tayside. In his present role Mr Armstrong has strategic responsibility for NHS Tayside's asset management and operational planning, including transportation and travel planning and environmental management policies, all of which is directly relevant to the work of the Partnership.
- 3.3 The proposed appointment of Mr Armstrong to represent health sector interests on the Partnership has been discussed with and is supported by NHS Forth Valley.
- 3.4 The Guidance on appointment of non-Councillor members of RTPs allows for appointment for a period of up to 4 years. It is proposed that Mr Armstrong is appointed initially for a period of 2 years, until 31 March 2013, with continuation beyond that date to be subject to joint review with Health Boards and in accordance with procedures laid down by Scottish Government.
- 3.5 The Partnership is asked to approve the appointment of Mr Armstrong as health sector representative on the Tactran Board, initially for a period of 2 years until 31 March 2013. Subject to approval by the Partnership Board at this meeting, Mr Armstrong will attend the Partnership's next meeting in March 2011.

4 CONSULTATIONS

- 4.1 The report has been prepared in consultation with the Director and the Chief Executives of NHS Tayside and NHS Forth Valley.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This report has no direct resource implications.

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NOTE

The following background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (and not containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing this Report.

Report to Partnership RTP/08/13, Appointment of Non-Councillor Members, 24 June 2008

Report to Partnership RTP/10/10, Appointment of Non-Councillor Members, 15 June 2010