

TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP**24 JUNE 2008****APPOINTMENT OF NON-COUNCILLOR MEMBERS****REPORT BY DIRECTOR**

This report updates the Partnership on the re-appointment of Robert Andrew, Professor Malcolm Horner and Bill Wright as non-Councillor Members of the Partnership, and seeks agreement to the appointment of Professor Tony Wells as health sector representative on the Partnership, initially on an interim basis.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 That the Partnership :-

- (i) welcomes the Scottish Government's confirmation of the appointment of Robert Andrew, Professor Malcolm Horner and Bill Wright as Partnership members for a further period of 2 years, until 30 April 2010; and
- (ii) approves the appointment of Professor Tony Wells as health sector representative on the Partnership, initially on an interim basis, and agrees to notify Scottish Government accordingly.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting on 30 January 2008 the Partnership agreed to extend the initial 2-year term appointments of Robert Andrew, Professor Malcolm Horner and Bill Wright as non-Councillor members of the Partnership for a further 2 years, until 30 April 2010, subject to satisfactory appraisal by the Chair, in accordance with Scottish Government procedures (Report RTP/08/01 refers).
- 2.2 At the meeting on 29 April 2008 the Partnership received an oral report from the Chair, advising that satisfactory appraisals for Robert Andrew, Malcolm Horner and Bill Wright had been undertaken, and that the necessary documentation advising the Partnership's intention to appoint Robert, Malcolm and Bill for a further 2-year term, until 30 April 2010, had been submitted to Government officials. The Chair also advised that a meeting was being sought with Health Board officials of NHS Tayside and NHS Forth valley, to identify a suitable health sector nominee to the RTP Board, following the earlier resignation of Margaret Duffy.

3 DISCUSSION

- 3.1 A letter was received from Scottish Government officials on 10 June 2008, noting that the Partnership had re-appointed Robert Andrew, Malcolm Horner and Bill Wright following satisfactory appraisal of each member's performance in accordance with the statutory Guidance on RTP Membership, and advising that Scottish Ministers had been informed of this decision.

- 3.2 The Director met with the Chief Executive of NHS Forth Valley in early May, at which time it was confirmed that NHS Forth Valley would be content for the health sector to be represented on the RTP Board by a nominee from NHS Tayside.
- 3.3 The Director met with the Chairman and Chief Executive of NHS Tayside on 13 June to discuss nomination of an appropriate representative of health sector interests on the RTP Board. It was confirmed that NHS Tayside supports the need for effective strategic cooperation between both sectors, reflecting the close inter-relationship and shared interest which exists in relation to improving access to health services regionally and locally; encouraging healthier and more active lifestyles in support of regional and national health outcomes; and improving general health and well-being through a range of transport measures aimed at reducing congestion and improving air quality. The desirability of securing a health sector nominee to the RTP Board who also operates at NHS Board level, in the interests of enabling direct Board to Board engagement and understanding, and offering the ability to act as a strategic advocate for the Health sector and RTP at Board level on both statutory bodies, was also recognised.
- 3.4 Following discussion of the above issues, it was agreed that Professor Tony Wells, Chief Executive of NHS Tayside would be put forward for approval by the TACTRAN Board, with appointment to be agreed initially on an interim basis until the end of the current calendar year, to enable both TACTRAN and NHS Tayside to review the continuing suitability of representation and strategic liaison in this way. The Partnership is asked to approve the appointment of Professor Wells as health sector representative on the TACTRAN Board, initially on an interim basis until the end of 2008, and to agree to advise Scottish Government of this appointment.
- 3.5 Subject to agreement of the proposal by the Partnership Board at this meeting, Professor Wells will attend the next two meetings of the Partnership on 24 September and 9 December 2008.

4 CONSULTATIONS

- 4.1 The report has been prepared in consultation with Scottish Government officials, the Chief Executives of NHS Tayside and NHS Forth Valley, the Partnership Secretary and the Chair.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This report has no direct resource implications.

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NOTE

No 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.