

**TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP****16 MARCH 2010****APPOINTMENT OF NON-COUNCILLOR MEMBERS****REPORT BY SECRETARY**

This report updates the Partnership on the position of non-councillor members of the Partnership, Professor Malcolm Horner and Bill Wright, whose term of office expires on 30 April 2010, and seeks the Partnership's agreement to the arrangements for replacing Professor Horner.

**1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

1.1 It is recommended that the Partnership:-

- (i) notes that Bill Wright has indicated a willingness to continue as a non-councillor member of the Partnership and agrees that his term of office be extended for a further two-year period until 30 April 2012, subject to satisfactory appraisal by the Convener of the Partnership, in accordance with Scottish Government procedures;
- (ii) notes the resignation of Professor Malcolm Horner from the position of non-councillor member of the Partnership with effect from 30 April 2010;
- (iii) agrees to enter into a recruitment process to fill the resultant vacancy and delegates authority to the Executive Committee to carry out this process, in accordance with the arrangements set out in this report; and
- (iv) extends its thanks and appreciation to Professor Horner for his significant contribution to the work of the Partnership since his appointment in April 2006.

**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 Convener of the Partnership, in accordance with Scottish Government procedures (Report RTP/08/01 refers).
- 2.2 At its meeting on 24 June 2008 the Partnership noted that the Scottish Government had confirmed the appointment of Robert Andrew, Malcolm Horner and Bill Wright for a further 2-year term, until 30 April 2010.

- 2.3 As members of the Partnership will recall Robert Andrew resigned from the Partnership with effect from 1 November 2008, with James (Doug) Fleming being appointed in his place in early 2009.
- 2.4 As the term of office Professor Horner and Bill Wright as non-councillor members of the Partnership will expire on 30 April 2010, the Director has approached both members to ascertain whether they wish to continue as members of the Partnership.
- 2.5 Professor Horner indicated that he wished to resign as a member of the Partnership and has now confirmed his intention in writing.
- 2.6 Bill Wright indicated that he would be willing to continue as a member of the Partnership for a further term.

### **3. PROPOSAL**

- 3.1 The Membership of the Partnership is prescribed within the Regional Transport Partnerships (Establishment, Constitution and Membership) (Scotland) Order 2005, which requires that either 4 or 5 non-councillor members are appointed. The Partnership has previously taken the view that it would wish to appoint the maximum number allowed by legislation, in the interests of maximising the contribution which non-Councillor members bring. In keeping with this position, it is recommended that the Partnership agrees to seek appointment of a replacement member.
- 3.2 Prior to May 2007 non-councillor members were appointed by Scottish Ministers, based upon a process of open advertisement and interview by Regional Transport Partnerships (RTPs), following a procedure set out by the former Scottish Executive. Since May 2007 the responsibility for appointing non-councillor members rests with RTPs, subject to seeking of Ministerial consent for proposed appointments.
- 3.3 In line with the requirement that all non-councillor appointments to RTPs should be made on the basis of a fair, open and transparent process which is based on public advertising, it is recommended that the Director and Secretary make arrangements for the vacancy to be advertised in the appropriate regional and national media. It is also recommended that responsibility for scrutiny of applications, selecting candidates for interview, and making a recommendation of appointment to the Partnership, be delegated to the Executive Committee, supported by the Director and Secretary.
- 3.4 The outcome of the selection process will be reported back to a future meeting of the Partnership for approval of an appointee, prior to submitting a nomination to Scottish Ministers for their consent.

#### **4. CONSULTATIONS**

- 4.1 The report has been prepared in consultation with the Director and Scottish Government officials, who agree with the proposals.

#### **5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Costs associated with seeking appointment to the vacancy of a non-councillor member will be met from the approved 2009/10 Core Revenue Budget.

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#### **NOTE**

No 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 to any material extent in preparing the above report.