

TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING****17 AUGUST 2006****BOARD MEMBERSHIP VACANCY****Report by Director**

This report seeks the Board's approval of the submission to the Scottish Executive of a nomination for the remaining non-Councillor vacancy on the TACTRAN Board.

1 RECOMMENDATION

The Board is asked to approve a nomination for the remaining place on the TACTRAN Board, to be identified through discussion between the Chair and Director and representatives of Tayside and Forth Valley health boards at a meeting to be held on 15 August.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Transport Minister announced 4 non-Councillor appointments to the Board on 27 April 2006. At the time of announcing these appointments the Scottish Executive indicated that a vacancy on each of the Regional Transport Partnership (RTP) Boards had been retained to allow for potential appointment of a member with a health background.
- 2.2 At its meeting on 27 June 2006 the Board agreed to seek a nominee from one of the two health boards in the TACTRAN area to fill the remaining non-Councillor Board vacancy. Authority was delegated to the Chair and Director to approach the Tayside and Forth Valley health boards, with a view to identifying a suitable nomination.
- 2.3 On 14 July 2006 the Scottish Executive wrote to RTP's, indicating that the Transport Minister and Health Minister would like health boards to nominate a member or senior official to become a non-Councillor member of the RTP. (see Appendix). The Scottish Executive initially requested a nomination by 4 August 2006 but, after discussion with the Executive's officials, this deadline has been extended to enable consideration of a nomination by the Board at today's Special Meeting.

3 DISCUSSION

- 3.1 Following receipt of the Scottish Executive's letter contact has been made with officials of Tayside and Forth Valley health boards. Both bodies have indicated a willingness to liaise with TACTRAN on transport related issues and have expressed interest in assisting in identifying a suitable health nominee for consideration by the TACTRAN Board. Copies of the Scottish Executive's letter of 14 July, related Application Forms and the Guidance on Membership of Regional Transport Partnerships have been forwarded to health board contacts for interest.

- 3.2 It had been hoped that a meeting could have been arranged between the Chair and Director and health board representatives to enable a nomination to be included in this report. However, because of the holiday period, it has not been possible to arrange this meeting until 15 August. At that time the Chair and Director are meeting with the Head of Support Services/Site Manager of NHS Tayside and the Chief Operating Officer of Forth Valley, with a view to identifying a suitable health nominee, who would have the support of both health bodies.
- 3.3 In accordance with the process for appointing other non-Councillor members to the Board, the remaining nominee will have to complete the standard application form, in order to demonstrate that they meet the criteria for RTP membership.
- 3.4 Further developments will be reported orally to the Board on 17 August, at which time it is anticipated that the Board will be asked to approve submission of a proposed nomination to the Scottish Executive.

4 CONSULTATION

- 4.1 The identification of a suitable TACTRAN Board nomination with a health background is the subject of ongoing consultation with Tayside and Forth Valley health boards.

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 the above Report; (list papers concerned)

Regional Transport Partnerships – Guidance on Membership