

TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP**28 OCTOBER 2008****APPOINTMENT OF NON-COUNCILLOR MEMBER****REPORT BY DIRECTOR**

This report confirms the resignation of Robert Andrew as a non-Councillor member of the Partnership and seeks the Partnership's approval of arrangements for appointing a replacement.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Partnership :-

- (i) notes the resignation of Robert Andrew from the position of non-Councillor member of the Partnership, effective from 1 November 2008;
- (ii) agrees to enter into a recruitment process to fill the resultant vacancy and delegates authority to carry out this process, in accordance with the arrangements set out in the report, to the Executive Committee; and
- (iii) extends its congratulations to Robert Andrew on his appointment to the position of Regional Director North within the Stagecoach Group and also its thanks and appreciation for his significant contribution to the work of the Partnership since his appointment in April 2006.

2. DISCUSSION

As previously notified to members, Robert Andrew has tendered his resignation from the Partnership with effect from 1 November 2008, as a result of his appointment to the post of Regional Director North within the Stagecoach Group. Since his appointment in April 2006 Robert has made a significant contribution to the work of the Partnership. In particular his specialist knowledge of the public transport and wider transport industry generally, has helped to shape the development of the Regional Transport Strategy. The Partnership is asked to extend its thanks and appreciation to Robert for his personal contribution and commitment to the work of TACTRAN since his appointment, and also its congratulations and best wishes for his new role within Stagecoach.

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.

Prior to May 2007 non-Councillor members were appointed by Scottish Ministers, based upon a process of open advertisement and interview by RTPs, following a procedure set out by the Scottish Executive. Since May 2007 the responsibility for appointing non-Councillor members rests with RTPs, subject to the seeking of Ministerial consent for proposed appointments.

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 Board, be delegated to the Executive Committee, supported by the Director and Secretary.

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.

3. CONSULTATIONS

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

4. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Costs associated with seeking appointment to the vacancy of non-Councillor member will be met from the approved 2008/09 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.