

## REPORT TO INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE – 5 OCTOBER 2017

### NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES AND PARTNERSHIPS – (a) NORTH SEA COMMISSION TRANSPORT THEMATIC GROUP; (b) ENTERPRISE NORTH EAST TRUST (ELEVATOR UK); and (c) ABERDEEN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

#### Recommendations:

The Committee is recommended:

- (1) to nominate a member to (a) the North Sea Commission Transportation Thematic Group; (b) Enterprise North East Trust (Elevator UK); and (c) Aberdeen International Airport Consultative Committee; and
- (2) to consider the appointment to the named bodies on the basis of the current allocation across Administration and Partnership Groups, during the current term of administration.

## 2 Background / Discussion

- 2.1 At the meeting of 1 June, 2017, (Item 6), appointments to various outside bodies were considered in terms of Confident Governance process. These nomination to outside bodies are managed through the Confident Governance process which provides a cohesive and consistent process. All outside bodies provide their constitutional documents, accounts, and complete an application form and these are examined by officers. Members who are nominated to an outside body will receive copies of these documents.
- 2.2 One of the requested appointments was to the four themed groups which operate under the umbrella of the North Sea Commission (NSC). On 1 June, the undernoted appointments were made:

Attractive and Sustainable Communities:	Cllr I Walker;
Climate Change Working Group:	Cllr I Davidson;
Transport Working Group:	Cllr D Lonchay; and
Managing Maritime Space:	Partnership Representative.
- 2.3 Subsequent to this decision, Cllr Lonchay has indicated his wish not to continue in the role.
- 2.4 A second appointment, on 1 June, was the appointment of two members, in a decision-making capacity, to Enterprise North East Trust (Elevator UK). Cllr Colin Clark was appointed as Administration representative, and Cllr Jim Ingram as Partnership representative. Since Cllr Clark has resigned, it is now appropriate to appoint another Administration representative to Enterprise North East Trust (Elevator UK).
- 2.5 In addition, the Committee appointed observer councillors to a range of organisations, including Aberdeen International Airport Consultative Committee. Three Members were appointed:  
Cllrs G Blackett, Colin Clark and John Cox.

As Cllr Clark has subsequently resigned, it is recommended that another Councillor be appointed to the Aberdeen International Airport Consultative Committee.

- 2.6 As a reminder, when a councillor takes on a role as a **decision-maker** for an outside body, the councillor becomes a member of that organisation (which is separate from his/her role as a councillor), can make decisions on behalf of the organisation, and carries liability for those decisions. The nominations to the NSC Transport Working Group and Elevator UK would be in this capacity.
- 2.7 These appointments were made on 1 June, 2017, and officers are recommending that the matter be reconsidered within six months of the original decision as circumstances have changed since the original appointments.
- 2.8 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report and their comments are incorporated within the report. They are satisfied that the report complies with the Scheme of Governance and relevant legislation.

### 3 **Scheme of Governance**

- 3.1 The Committee is able to consider and take a decision on this item as, on 18 May, 2017, at a meeting of the Full Council, the power in Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance, Section A.9.2, to approve Council membership of the outside bodies in Appendix A was delegated to this Committee. A further delegation was given to the Committee to approve a one-off delegation for up to 6 months to all Policy and Area Committees to determine the nomination of members to any Partnerships or inter authority groups not included in the report that the Council had previously approved appointments to in terms of Appendix B.

### 4 **Implications and Risk**

- 4.1 An equality impact assessment is not required because the recommended action does not have a differential impact on any of the protected characteristics.
- 4.2 There are no staffing or financial implications arising directly as a result of this report. Any remaining staffing resources being applied to the Confident Governance Project, in particular from within Legal and Governance, are met from existing budgets.
- 4.3 The following Risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate Level: (*link to [Corporate Risk Register](#)*)

ACORP005 - Working with other organisations – partnership working.

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