

REPORT TO INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE – 15 MARCH 2018

NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES AND PARTNERSHIPS – NORTH SEA COMMISSION TRANSPORT THEMATIC GROUP AND NORTH EAST OF SCOTLAND PRESERVATION TRUST

1 Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to:

- 1.1 Suspend Standing Order 7.2 to enable a member to be nominated to the North Sea Commission Transportation Thematic Group; and**
- 1.2 Nominate a member to the North East of Scotland Preservation Trust.**

2 Background / Discussion

- 2.1 At the meeting of 1 June, 2017, (Item 6), the Infrastructure Services Committee considered appointments to various outside bodies. Nominations to outside bodies are managed through the Confident Governance process, which provides a cohesive and consistent process. All outside bodies provided their constitutional documents, accounts and completed application form, all of which were examined by officers. Members who are nominated to an outside body receive copies of these documents. At that meeting, appointments were made to the four thematic groups operating under the umbrella of the North Sea Commission and to the North East of Scotland Preservation Trust.

North Sea Commission

- 2.2 A vacancy has now arisen in relation to the Transport Working Group, which is one of the four thematic groups operating under the North Sea Commission. The vacancy is due to a review by the political administration of their nominated Members.
- 2.3 The latest consideration of this matter was on 25 January, 2018. Standing Orders provide that no motion seeking to alter or revoke a previous decision can be considered within 6 months of the original decision, unless it is detailed in a report that the previous decision can no longer be implemented, or its effect has been substantially altered by subsequent circumstances, and the Monitoring Officer agrees that this is the case. Circumstances have changed materially due to aforementioned review of the membership of the

Group and the current nominee Councillor Berry is no longer taking up the post. The original decision cannot therefore be implemented.

North East of Scotland Preservation Trust

- 2.4 The latest consideration of this matter as on 1 June, 2017. A vacancy has now arisen due to the resignation of Councillor Withey.
- 2.5 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report and their comments are incorporated. 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 certain outside bodies (Appendix A) was delegated to this Committee.

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 Risk has been identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate Level - ACORP005 - Working with other organisations – partnership working [Corporate Risk Register](#)

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