

TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

15 DECEMBER 2020

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLOR AND NON-COUNCILLOR MEMBERS

REPORT BY DIRECTOR

This report requests that the Partnership endorses the appointments of Mrs Amy McDonald and Dr Jonathan Berg as two non-Councillors Member of the Tactran Board. It also notes and welcomes Councillor Steven Rome as Council Member of the Tactarn Board representing Dundee City Council.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 That the Partnership :-

- (i) endorses the appointment of two non-Councillor members of the Tactran Board, appointed through a competitive recruitment process by the Executive Committee, (pending endorsement from the Cabinet Secretary for Transport Infrastructure and Connectivity); and
- (ii) welcomes Councillor Steven Rome to the Tactran Board.

2. BACKGROUNDNon-Councillor Appointments

2.1 Following the resignation of Mark Craske as a non-Councillor member of the Board and with the Board already having a vacant non-Councillor position available, the Executive Committee held a competitive recruitment process. Two candidates, Mrs Amy McDonald and Dr Jonathan Berg were successful and were offered the positions as non-Councillor Board members with the conditions that they received endorsement from the Board and the Cabinet Secretary for Transport Infrastructure and Connectivity's approval.

Non-Councillor Member from the NHS Trusts

2.2 Reflecting the important policy and delivery relationships between health and transport, Scottish Government has encouraged all Regional Transport Partnerships to appoint an individual with direct experience or knowledge of the health sector as one of their non-Councillor members. Officials from both NHS Tayside and NHS Forth Valley have fulfilled this role previously.

2.3 Discussions are ongoing with NHS Tayside and NHS Forth Valley to ascertain if Dr Jonathan Berg can fulfil the role as a non-Councillor Board member as the representative of the health sector. Discussions are on-going however there is no indication that there would be any problem with this arrangement being put in place.

Councillor Membership

Dundee City Council has agreed to appoint Councillor Steven Rome in place of Councillor Alan Ross as a member of the Partnership. The Partnership is asked to note this change in Dundee City Council member representation and to welcome Councillor Rome to the Tactran Board. The Partnership would like to thank Councillor Alan Ross for his contribution to the Board.

3. CONCLUSION

- 3.1 The Partnership is asked to endorse the appointment of two non-Councillor members of the Tactran Board who were appointed following a competitive recruitment process by the Executive Committee, (pending endorsement by the Cabinet Secretary).

4. CONSULTATIONS

- 4.1 The report has been prepared in consultation with partner authorities and the Proper Officers.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no resource implications with regard to this report.

6. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 In making any new non-Councillor member appointments to formal positions the Partnership must have regard to Scottish Government guidance and objectives in relation to achieving gender balance and diversity in the membership of public sector Boards.

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NOTE

The following 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 this Report.