

12 SEPTEMBER 2023

APPOINTMENT OF NON-COUNCILLOR MEMBER**REPORT BY DIRECTOR****Purpose**

This report requests that the Partnership endorses the appointment of Alan Stewart as a non-Councillor member of the Tactran Partnership Board.

Summary

Following interview, the Executive Committee recommended Alan Stewart be appointed as a non-councillor member subject to, reference checks and endorsement by the Minister for Transport and the Tactran Board.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 That the Partnership endorses the appointment of Alan Stewart as a non-Councillor member of the Tactran Partnership Board.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The membership of the Partnership is prescribed within the Regional Transport Partnerships (Establishment, Constitution and Membership) (Scotland) Order 2005. The Order requires that around a third of the membership of RTPs to be drawn from beyond the constituent councils. Tactran can operate with 4 or 5 non-elected members. The Partnership has previously taken the view that it would wish to appoint the maximum of 5 non-Councillor members, as permitted by legislation.
- 2.2 Legislation provides for non-Councillor appointments to be made by the Partnership, subject to formal endorsement by Scottish Ministers. There is no limit to the number of times that a non-Councillor member can be appointed or to the number of years they can serve. The Partnership has generally made non-Councillor appointments for an initial period of 2 years, with further 2-year extensions subject to agreement by the Partnership Board.
- 2.3 At its meeting on 13 December 2022, following the resignation of Paul Cronin, the Partnership agreed to advertise for the appointment of a new non-Councillor member (Report RTP/22/31 refers).

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 The Executive Committee held a competitive recruitment process and following an interview on 15 August 2023, Alan Stewart was offered the position of non-Councillor Partnership Board member with the conditions that he received endorsement from the Partnership Board and the Minister for Transport.

3.2 The Tactran Director has written to Scottish Government seeking endorsement from the Minister for Transport and at the time of writing is awaiting a response. A verbal update will be provided at the Partnership meeting.

3.3 The Partnership is asked to endorse the appointment of Alan Stewart as a non-Councillor member of the Tactran Board.

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.

Report to Partnership RTP/22/31 Director's Report, 13 December 2022