

3d Nestrans' Appointment Committee

o Purpose of Report

The Nestrans' Appointment Committee met on 13 December 2013 to interview six candidates to fill three vacant posts of non councillor members to the Nestrans' Board (two current vacancies, and one further vacancy as of April 2014).

o Background

The Partnership resolved at its meeting of 28 August 2013 to agree the recruitment process, as set out by officers, and that an Appointment Committee be convened to appoint new non councillor members (article 8 refers).

The Appointment Committee (comprising The Chairperson, both Vice Chairs, Councillor Clark and Councillor Taylor) met on 13 December 2013 and held informal interviews with six candidates. The Appointment Committee resolved (i) to offer the two current vacant positions of non councillor member to the Nestrans' Board to Gerry Donald and Duncan Cameron, subject to the consent of Scottish Ministers; (ii) to offer the third vacant position of non councillor member to the Nestrans' Board (as of April 2015) to Sandra Macdonald, subject to the consent of Scottish Ministers; and (iii) to instruct the Director to undertake the necessary arrangements to receive the consent from the Scottish Ministers.

The Director wrote to Scottish Ministers on 17 December 2013 to request consent, and received a response on 8 January 2014.

o Legal Implications

The Transport (Scotland) Act 2005 requires the Partnership to have a minimum of three (and maximum of four) non councillor members on the Nestrans' Board. With the resignation of Derek Provan and Jennifer Crow there was a requirement to appoint new non councillor members. David Sullivan has also intimated his resignation as of April 2014.

The obligation on the Partnership to have a minimum of three (and maximum of four) non councillor members has now been fulfilled with the appointment of three new non councillor members.

o Background papers

Minute of Meeting of Nestrans Board 28/08/13
Minute of Meeting of Appointment Committee of 13/12/13
Transport (Scotland) Act 2005

o Recommendation

- (a) to note that Scottish Ministers have approved the appointment of Gerry Donald and Duncan Cameron (with immediate effect) and Sandra Macdonald (as of April 2014) as non councillor members of the Nestrans' Board, as per the recommendation of the Appointment Committee; and
- (b) to approve the minute of the Appointment Committee of 13 December 2013 (appended to this report) as a correct record.

NORTH EAST SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of Nestrans' Appointment Committee

Woodhill House, Aberdeen

13 December 2013

Present: Councillor Peter Argyle (Chairperson); Eddie Anderson and Councillors Clark, Milne and Taylor.

In Attendance: Derick Murray, Nestrans, Dr Margaret Bochel and Stephen Archer, Advisers to the Board and Rebecka Coull (Clerk to the Board).

MEMBERSHIP OF APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE

1. The Director advised that it had been his intention to include Eddie Anderson as a member of the Appointment Committee in his report to the Nestrans' Board of 28 August 2013, but that this had been omitted in error.

The Committee resolved:

to agree that Eddie Anderson join the Committee as a member on this day.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Eddie Anderson declared an interest in the subject matter of the following paragraphs by virtue of two applicants being acquaintances (one applicant being a former Nestrans' Board member and one applicant being a member of the Chamber of Commerce). He did not feel that the nature of his interest required him to withdraw from the meeting.

Councillor Clark declared an interest in the subject matter of the following paragraphs by virtue of one of the applicants being known to him. He did not feel that the nature of his interest required him to withdraw from the meeting.

Councillor Milne declared an interest in the subject matter of the following paragraphs by virtue of one applicant being a former colleague, and two applicants being acquaintances. He did not feel that the nature of his interest required him to withdraw from the meeting.

Councillor Taylor declared an interest in the subject matter of the following paragraphs by virtue of two applicants being acquaintances. She did not feel that the nature of her interest required her to withdraw from the meeting.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS/ DISCUSSION THEMES

2. The Appointment Committee noted the discussion themes and agreed the suggested interview questions, with one addition at the suggestion of Dr Bochel.

DATA PROTECTED INFORMATION

In accordance with the Data Protection Act 1988 (Principle 1), the press and public were excluded from the meeting during the informal interviews.

APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL MEMBER TO THE NESTRANS BOARD

3. With reference to the minute of its meetings of 28 August 2013, the Appointment Committee undertook informal interviews with the six candidates for the vacant positions of non councillor member to the Nestrans' Board.

The Committee discussed each applicant in turn and also heard from the two advisers and the Director.

The Committee resolved:

- (i) to offer the two current vacant positions of non councillor member to the Nestrans' Board to Gerry Donald and Duncan Cameron, subject to the consent of Scottish Ministers;
- (ii) to offer the third vacant position of non councillor member to the Nestrans' Board (as of April 2015) to Sandra Macdonald, subject to the consent of Scottish Ministers; and
- (iii) to instruct the Director to undertake the necessary arrangements to receive the consent from the Scottish Ministers.

- PETER ARGYLE, Chairperson.