



Leadership Board

Tuesday, 19th July 2016 at 2.00 pm

Meeting to be held in a Committee Room, Northumberland County Council, County Hall, Morpeth, NE61 2EF

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DATE: 19 July 2016

SUBJECT: Appointment of the Thematic Leads of the Combined Authority, Appointment of Vice-Chairs of the Leadership Board and Nomination of Vice-Chair of the North East Local Enterprise Partnership

REPORT OF: Head of Paid Service

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to invite the Leadership Board to appoint its Vice-Chairs, appoint the Thematic Leads for the thematic areas and to nominate the Chair of the Leadership Board to be the Vice-Chair of the North East Local Enterprise Partnership. The appointments will be for the municipal year 2016/17.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

- i. The Leadership Board identifies two members of the Board to be appointed Vice-Chairs of the Leadership Board;
- ii. The Leadership Board appoints the members of the Board to be the Thematic Leads for the Thematic Areas of Economic Development and Regeneration, Employability and Inclusion and Transport (and Digital Connectivity).
- iii. The Leadership Board nominates the Chair of the Leadership Board to be the Vice-Chair of the North East Local Enterprise Partnership.

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1 Background Information

- 1.1 The NECA's Constitution states that the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Leadership Board will be appointed annually from amongst its members. On 21 June 2016 Councillor Watson was appointed Chair of the Leadership Board. No appointment of Vice-Chairs was made at that meeting. There is now a requirement for the Leadership Board to appoint two of its members as Vice-Chairs of the Board.
- 1.2 The Constitution also requires the Leadership Board to appoint annually Thematic Leads from amongst its members. The Thematic Areas are (i) Economic Development and Regeneration (ii) Employability and Inclusion and (iii) Transport (including Digital Connectivity). The Thematic Leads operate in accordance with the Constitution and amongst other things provide a strategic lead in their Theme area. At its meeting on 21 June 2016 the Leadership Board resolved to defer the appointment of the Thematic Leads to this meeting.
- 1.3 The previous Chair of the Leadership Board held the position of Vice-Chair of the North East Local Enterprise Partnership (the LEP). The Leadership Board is now invited to nominate one of the Leaders/Elected Mayor of the Leadership Board to be the Vice-Chair of the LEP. This role has to date been held by the Chair of the Leadership Board. Under the LEP Constitution the Chair of the LEP Board is a private sector member and the Vice-Chair is a public sector member. The appointment to the role of Vice-Chair will be formally made by the LEP at their next meeting in July 2016.

2 Proposals

- 2.1 The Leadership Board is invited to make the appointments as set out in the recommendations above to enable the Authority to operate in accordance with its Constitution.

3 Next Steps

- 3.1 If the Leadership Board makes the appointments as recommended then the Board will be acting in accordance with its Constitution and the appointments will take immediate effect for the remainder of the municipal year.

4 Potential Impact on Objectives

- 4.1 The appointments will enable the Authority to properly discharge its functions.

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5 Finance and Other Resources

- 5.1 There are no specific financial implications arising from these recommendations.

6 Legal

- 6.1 In accordance with NECA's Constitution the Leadership Board is required to appoint its Vice-Chairs and Thematic Leads from amongst its members. This decision was deferred from the Annual meeting.

The provisions of the LEP Constitution require that the Vice Chair of the LEP Board is a public sector member. NECA is the Accountable Body for the LEP. The Leadership Board is required to nominate Councillor Watson to be the Vice-Chair of the LEP and for the LEP to formerly make that appointment on receipt of the nomination.

7 Other Considerations

7.1 Consultation/Community Engagement

The proposals contained within the report have been subject to consideration by the Leaders and the Elected Mayor at appropriate points during the period leading up to the meeting.

7.2 Human Rights

There are no specific human rights implications arising from this report.

7.3 Equalities and Diversity

There are no equalities and diversity implications in relation to this report.

7.4 Risk Management

There are no specific risk management implications arising from this report.

7.5 Crime and Disorder

There are no specific crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

7.6 Environment and Sustainability

There are no specific environment and sustainability implications arising from this report.

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8 Background Documents

8.1 The NECA Constitution

9 Links to the Local Transport Plans

9.1 There are no implications in relation to the Local Transport Plans.

10 Appendices

None.

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12 Sign off

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