

7. MEMBER REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES (A.1155/RC)

Proposal

1 This report requests the appointment of Members to represent the Authority at meetings of various other organisations (Outside Bodies).

2 RECOMMENDATION:

1. **That appointments be made to all of the Outside Bodies set out in Annex 1 of the report to expire at the Annual meeting in June 2009.**

2. **That attendance at meetings be an approved duty for the purpose of the payment of travelling and subsistence allowances.**

Policy/Legal Background

3 After a review of the appointments to outside bodies last year it was agreed to withdraw Member representation from some outside bodies but continue Officer contact with them and letters of explanation have been sent. Proposals were also put forward to streamline the process for making future appointments however these were only agreed in part and therefore Annex 1, attached, shows the full list of current appointments and known vacancies for re-appointment.

Key Issues

4 At the annual meeting last year it was noted that three outside bodies were currently under review and that the results of the reviews may affect membership. The recent developments in these reviews are reported below.

Peak Park Transport Forum

5 This review was proposed at officer level in November 2006, and it is fair to say that progress has been slow until 2008 as the review has had to keep all partners comfortable with the pace of the review. In January 2008, the Peak Park Transport Forum agreed that a working party of SPITS officers could appraise the Forum. Subsequently, at its meeting in April 2008, the Forum approved a number of principles for the way forward for the review. Officers are now tasked with agreeing the detail to be contained within the principles, and this will be the subject of a further report to the Forum in due course. Therefore it is proposed to re-appoint Member representatives for the ensuing year whilst still noting that the review is continuing.

**Derwent Valley Rural Transport Partnership
Hope Valley and High Peak Transport Partnership**

6 These two partnership bodies have now been replaced by Derwent Valley Community Rail Partnership and the Hope Valley and High Peak Community Rail Partnership, respectively, as reported to the Authority meeting in March this year in the report on the rural transport partnerships futures. As part of that report it was requested and agreed that Member representatives be appointed to these two new partnerships together with one other, the Derbyshire Dales and High Peak Accessibility Partnership. These are now included in Annex 1.

7 Two Outside Bodies have been withdrawn from the list and one has been replaced.

United Utilities Conservation, Access and Recreation Advisory Committee (CARAC)

- 8 United Utilities have now replaced CARAC by a number of topic forums which are task and finish groups not requiring Member attendance and have been removed from Annex 1.

Annual Recreation Forum

- 9 The role of this Forum will be embraced as part of the work on the Recreation Strategy for the National Park and has been removed from Annex 1.

The Rural Action Zone (part of Derby and Derbyshire Economic Partnership)

- 10 This body has now been replaced by the Derby and Derbyshire Economic Partnership Rural Forum.

- 11 It is proposed that membership of the current Outside Bodies continue to the Annual meeting next year, subject to continuous review as part of the review of partnerships against the Partnerships Protocol agreed by the Audit & Performance Committee meeting in April 2007, using the methodology agreed by the Authority to assess the need for continued Member involvement. Also as agreed last year any vacancies or new requests for Member appointments that occur during the year will be reported to the Authority as and when necessary.

- 12 Guidance on roles and duties of Members appointed to outside bodies is being prepared and will be issued in due course.

APPENDIX

Background

- 1 The current list of appointments to Outside Bodies is shown in Annex 1. This is a report taken from the Partnership database as Members' involvement in Outside Bodies was integrated with the database last year.

Resources

- 2 Members may claim travelling and subsistence for attendance at meetings to which they are appointed. In order to settle claims, which are checked by Auditors, Members are asked to ensure that they sign a record of attendance at all meetings. This will be the only means by which attendances are correlated.

Risk Management

- 3 There are no risks arising out of the proposals.

Human Rights, Equalities, Health & Safety

- 4 There are no implications arising out of the proposals.

Consultees

- 5 The Chief Executive and Directors, the Democratic Services Team Manager, the Transport Policy Manager and the Head of Policy, Research and Partnerships have been consulted on this report and comments received have been taken into account.

Enclosures

- 6 Annex 1. List of Outside Bodies and current Member appointments.

List of Background Papers (not previously published)

- 7 None

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- 9 Thursday 19 June 2008