

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

### Purpose of the report

- 1 This report requests the appointment of Members to represent the Authority at meetings of various other organisations (outside bodies).

### Recommendations

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1. That appointments be made to all of the outside bodies set out in Appendix 1 of the report to expire at the Annual meeting in June 2010.
  2. That attendance at meetings be an approved duty for the purpose of the payment of travelling and subsistence allowances.
  3. That Members appointed to outside bodies are requested to produce a short annual report on activities, as appropriate, for the Member e-zine.

### How does this contribute to our policies and legal obligations?

- 3 These appointments contribute to the NPMP and corporate outcomes by continuing and supporting the Authority's working with stakeholders and partners.

### Background

- 4 Members agreed during the review of appointments to outside bodies in 2007 that they preferred to see the full list of current appointments to outside bodies when considering the annual appointments. This list is attached as Appendix 1 and known vacancies, due to the recent changes in the Authority membership, are highlighted.
- 5 At the annual meeting last year it was noted that 2 outside bodies were 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

- 6 The review of the Peak Park Transport Forum has been completed. This has led to a name change, to Peak Area Transport Forum, and a clear remit for the group, including agreed Terms of Reference. The Forum will remain a powerful voice alongside other bodies such as the City Regions in communicating with Government over strategic objectives. The Forum is now serviced by the Authority and Derbyshire County Council, so the implications of the Authority's withdrawal from the SPITS Partnership will have no impact on the Forum - previously, the Forum was serviced by the SPITS Project Officer.
- 7 It is considered that Member involvement in the new Forum will still be beneficial, but with a reduced number of representatives, from 4 to 2, being 1 member and 1 deputy member. This forum is now included in Appendix 1.

#### Local Government East Midlands

- 8 The National Park Authority is a member nationally of the Local Government Association (LGA). At East Midlands regional level the LGA is now administered by the Regional Assembly. Regional arrangements for a separate Local Government Association have ceased. Future arrangements for the successor body to the Assembly – the Leaders Board – and the Authority's place on that are subject to decisions that have yet to be made.

- 9 Therefore Local Government East Midlands has been removed from Appendix 1, but East Midlands Regional Assembly is still included.
- 10 Also at the annual meeting last year it was noted that guidance on roles and duties of Members appointed to outside bodies was being prepared and would be issued in due course. This guidance has now been circulated to all Members by Democratic Services.

### **Proposals**

- 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 Partnerships Protocol and using the methodology agreed by the Authority to assess the need for continued Member involvement. Progress on the review of partnerships will be reported to the Audit & Performance Committee in July.
- 12 Any vacancies or new requests for Member appointments that occur during the year will be reported to the Authority as and when necessary.
- 13 It has been suggested in the past that Members appointed to outside bodies should produce an annual report on activities for the Member e-zine and Members are asked to consider if they want to confirm this requirement.

### **Are there any corporate implications members should be concerned about?**

- 14 **Financial:** 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.
- 15 **Risk Management:** There are no risks arising out of the proposals.
- 16 **Sustainability:** No issues have been identified.
- 17 **Background papers** (not previously published) – None

### **Appendices**

List of Current Member Representation on Outside Bodies.

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