

Partnership report

**SPT representation on Nevis Technologies Ltd****Date of meeting** 18 June 2021**Date of report** 27 May 2021**Report by****1. Object of report**

To seek and agree nominations to the Board of Nevis Technologies Ltd (NTL) from the Partnership.

2. Background

NTL is the joint venture between SPT and Ecebs Ltd (now owned by Visa), a technology support company to smart ticketing. NTL are the supplier to the Subway of smartcards, operating compliantly with the SPT ticket system, and now also delivering services to a number of other transport operators including Lothian Buses, McGills and Abellio Scotrail.

The constitution of the NTL board is four representatives from SPT and five nominations from Ecebs Ltd reflecting the shared ownership.

The SPT representatives currently are:

- Neil Wylie, SPT Director of Finance – NTL Executive Director
- Cllr Colin Cameron, SPT Partnership Member – NTL Non-Executive Director

Former appointed member Ann Faulds also held a Non-Executive Director position until the end of her SPT term of office in March 2021.

3. Outline of proposals

It is necessary to reconsider the SPT representation on NTL to ensure the vacancies are suitably filled, but also to consider other SPT operational matters which need to be considered.

SPT is leading on the procurement of consultants to assist with a redesign of the Zonocard product, in conjunction with Zonocard Forum members (transport operators). While Neil Wylie is not leading the procurement directly, he is currently the Chair of the Zonocard Forum and ultimately responsible for procurement activities in SPT.

For this reason it is recommended that, effective from the next NTL Board meeting on 26 August 2021, Neil Wylie is replaced on NTL by Antony Smith, Director of Subway, thus removing any perceived or actual conflict arising if NTL chose to bid for the work. Antony Smith is recommended as an Executive Director.

Cllr Cameron will remain a Non-Executive Board member until at least March 2022 when pre-election commences for the next round of local elections. This leaves two unfilled vacancies from the SPT representation.

It is necessary to bring a degree of continuity to the SPT representation and therefore it is proposed to seek two nominations from appointed members whose period of office extends beyond the local elections in May 2021.

4. Conclusion

It is necessary to review the SPT representation on NTL and ideally to seek to bring a degree of stability and continuity to Board representation.

5. Partnership action

The Partnership is recommended to:

- approve Antony Smith as a nomination to the NTL Board as an Executive Director; and
- seek two nominations from appointed members to act as Non-Executive Directors of NTL.

6. Consequences

Policy consequences	<i>None directly.</i>
Legal consequences	<i>Board director positions attract Companies Act responsibilities.</i>
Financial consequences	<i>None at present</i>
Personnel consequences	<i>None at present</i>
Equalities consequences	<i>None directly.</i>
Risk consequences	<i>Ensures SPT representation on the Board of NTL.</i>

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