



### Partnership Membership Update

**Date of meeting** 18 September 2020

**Date of report** 31 August 2020

**Report by Partnership Secretary / Assistant Chief Executive**

#### 1. Object of report

To advise the Partnership of some recent membership changes and to update on the appointed member recruitment process.

#### 2. Background

The Partnership is made up of 20 elected members nominated from constituent councils and between seven and nine appointed members.

Members will also be aware that SPT commenced a recruitment process for the appointment of up to seven appointed members in January 2020, with an advert placed on the Scottish Public Appointments website and the SPT recruitment system with a closing date of 27 March 2020. Provisional dates for shortlisting and interview were also intimated at that time.

At the closing date a total of 16 applications had been received.

However, due to the lockdown restrictions, shortlisting and interviews were postponed and the Minister of Transport confirmed that all current appointments could be extended for one year given the circumstances. All candidates were advised of the situation and that the process would recommence as soon as it was safe to do so.

#### 3. Outline of proposals

At the time of writing, SPT has been advised of a recent change to the nominations from North Lanarkshire Council, as follows:

Cllr Mark Kerr (SNP) is replaced by Cllr William Goldie (SNP)

In addition, appointed member Jo MacLennan intimated in July 2020 of her resignation from the SPT Partnership due to work commitments. Ms MacLennan's period of office had originally been due to expire in June 2020 but was extended for up to one year as outlined above.

It also proposed to recommence the appointed member recruitment process with the following provisional timelines, subject to any change in circumstances arising from the current public health restrictions:

- Recruitment Committee Meeting for Shortlisting                      end of October 2020
- Interviews to be conducted    end of November 2020
- Recommendation to Partnership    December 2020

#### 4. Conclusion

The lockdown restrictions meant it was necessary to pause the appointed member recruitment process for a period. However, it is now proposed to recommence the process within the Scottish Governments guidelines pertaining to the management of Covid.

#### 5. Partnership action

The Partnership is recommended to:

- note the intimated changes to the Partnership membership; and
- note the proposal to recommence the appointed member recruitment process within the timescales outlined.

#### 6. Consequences

Policy consequences	<i>None directly</i>
Legal consequences	<i>None directly</i>
Financial consequences	<i>None directly</i>
Personnel consequences	<i>None directly</i>
Equalities consequences	<i>None directly</i>
Risk consequences	<i>None directly</i>

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