

Appointment of Third Deputy Chair

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 At its last meeting on the 23 September, the Governance Scheme was updated to remove the requirement that the Chair and Deputy Chair must be from different Councils. This change allows for greater flexibility in appointing Board positions and consequently the Board agreed that any further nominations for Deputy Chair would be accommodated by the creation of a third Deputy Chair role.
- 1.2 Members should note that there is no limit on the number of Deputy Chairs that can be appointed and the Partnership has previously had three Deputy Chairs in office.

2. APPOINTMENT

- 2.1 Cllr Imrie has expressed an interest in filling the role of a third Deputy Chair, which has been endorsed by the Chair.
- 2.2 Cllr Imrie would bring a wealth of experience to the role having served as Chair of SEStran from 2007 – 2016. Prior to this he was Chair of SEStran when it was a voluntary organisation.
- 2.3 In terms of geographical spread, Cllr Imrie is currently the spokesperson for Transport in Midlothian Council and would broaden the leadership’s representation across the region.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is accordingly recommended that the Board appoint Cllr Russell Imrie as Deputy Chair.

Gavin King
Secretary
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Policy Implications	None
Financial Implications	None
Equalities Implications	None
Climate Change Implications	None