

3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019

**Appointment to Outside Bodies - Transport for the North**

**Purpose of Report**

To recommend the re-appointment of the Sheffield City Region (SCR) Mayor as our representative on the Transport for the North (TfN) Board and to formally appoint Cllr Chris Read as substitute member.

**Thematic Priority**

Cross cutting.

**Freedom of Information and Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972**

Under the Freedom of Information Act this paper and any appendices will be made available under the MCA Publication Scheme.

**Recommendations**

It is proposed that:

- the Sheffield City Region Mayor be re-appointed to the position of TfN Board member for Sheffield City Region.
- Cllr Chris Read is formally appointed as substitute representative.
- Agreement is sought on two nominees from either Sheffield, Barnsley and Doncaster to be appointed to the TfN Scrutiny Committee.

**1. Introduction**

- 1.1 At the Annual General Meeting of the Authority 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018 the MCA appointed Mayor Dan Jarvis as the SCR TfN Board Member. The MCA Constitution states that any such appointment shall only remain in force until the next annual general meeting of the Authority, or such earlier time as that person ceases to be a Member of the Authority. In addition, TfN requires each constitute authority to confirm SCR's nominations by the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019.
- 1.2 This report, in accordance with the decision of December 2017, updates the Mayoral Combined Authority (MCA) on the TfN governance structure and seeks to confirm Sheffield City Region's representative arrangements at TfN.

**2. Proposal and justification**

- 2.1 This report seeks approved to re-appoint Mayor Dan Jarvis to the TfN Board and, further to the conclusion of the governance review, formally appoint Cllr Chris Read as the substitute member.
- 2.2 The role of the appointed Members acting as the TfN Board is specified in the TfN constitution as:

- Collectively be the ultimate policy makers of TfN;
- Bring the views of their communities into TfN's decision making process;
- Maintain the highest standards of conduct and ethics;
- In carrying out the business of TfN, will observe the Code of Conduct for members adopted by their appointing Authority.

**2.3** In addition, TfN requests that constitute authorities nominate a representative and substitute for their Scrutiny Committee. Previously, the two representatives from SCR have been the relevant portfolio holders from the two authorities who are not providing either TfN Board representative or substitute. This has previously been Barnsley and Rotherham Councils respectively, with Sheffield and Doncaster providing the lead and substitute TfN Board representatives. Subject to agreement for Councillor Chris Reed to be the substitute TfN Board representative, it is proposed that two nominees from either Sheffield, Barnsley or Doncaster are sought as Scrutiny Committee members.

**2.4** The wider TfN governance structure, including Partnership Board, and the Scrutiny and Audit and Governance Committees is shown in Appendix A. The Authority have previously appointed representatives to these groups, and informed TfN accordingly.

### **3. Consideration of alternative approaches**

**3.1** The constitution of TfN requires the SCR MCA to formally appoint one of its Members to the TfN Board. Where an elected Mayor is in place, it is expected they will be the nominated TfN Board representative. The MCA's constitution requires appointments to outside bodies to be made by the MCA.

### **4. Implications**

#### **4.1 Financial**

There are no financial implications.

#### **4.2 Legal**

The appointment is a TfN constitutional requirement.

It is a MCA constitutional requirement that appointments to outside bodies be made by the Authority.

#### **4.3 Risk Management**

There are no risk management issues.

#### **4.4 Equality, Diversity and Social Inclusion**

There are no equality, diversity or social inclusion issues.

### **5. Communications**

**5.1** No external communications are required. Internal communications will be issued appropriately.

### **6. Appendices/Annexes**

**6.1** Appendix A: TfN Governance Arrangements

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