

To: PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE	Subject: REGIONAL TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIPS ESTABLISHMENT CONSTITUTION AND MEMBERSHIP ORDER	
From: DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION		
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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. The Scottish Parliament has now approved the Transport (Scotland) Bill 2004, which amongst other things, establishes a series of regional transport partnerships across Scotland.
- 1.2. The purpose of this report is to advise that a letter dated 10 October 2005 from the Scottish Executive has been received updating local authorities containing an Order regulating organisational and constitutional matters and detailing legislative changes in relation to membership to the proposed Forum for this area, which will be called the West Regional Transport Partnership (WRTP), and requesting the Committee should nominate one further representative and three substitute representatives to the proposed partnership.

2. Background

- 2.1. The Council previously considered a report on the Draft Order and submitted a response to the Scottish Executive on 12 August 2005 on operational and constitutional matters.
- 2.2. Following a meeting of the Council on 29 September 2005, it was decided that North Lanarkshire Council would be represented by Councillor Selfridge and Councillor McCulloch. Substitute representatives were to be decided at a later date.
- 2.3. It is anticipated that an Order will be laid in Parliament on or around 19 October 2005 which will allow Statutory Regional Transport Partnerships to be created in early December 2005.

3. Changes to the Draft Order

3.1. Representation

- 3.1.1. The Order has been changed to recommend that local authorities in the soon to be established WRTP will have one Elected Member representative, with the exception of the two Lanarkshire Councils, who would have three Elected Members each and Glasgow, who would have five.

Comment

This change requires North Lanarkshire Council to nominate one further representative.

- 3.1.2. An amendment has been made to the Order to clarify that each Council can appoint substitute Members.

Comment

Three named substitute representatives to the Partnership require to be selected.

- 3.1.3. The Order proposes to amend the duty on Councils to make their first appointments of Council Members as soon as practicable and at latest, within a month of the creation of the WRTP.

Comment

This in accordance with the Council's submission to the Draft Order.

- 3.1.4. It is proposed to place a new duty on Councils to inform the person responsible for convening the first RTP meeting of the name(s) of their Council Member(s).

Comment

Schedule 2 of the Order places a responsibility on the Chief Executive of each of the largest Council in each RTP to convene the first meeting. Glasgow City Council, being the largest represented authority with five Elected Members, will therefore be expected to arrange the first meeting of the WRTP.

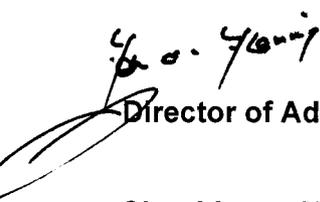
3.2. Voting Arrangements

Schedule 2 of the Order also proposes a new provision that enables RTPs to determine, by a two-third majority vote, to amend its Standing Orders to require that certain specified decisions be determined by a two-thirds rather than simple majority.

Schedule 6 amends the proposed quorum of 66% to one of 25% to bring the Partnership into line with a number of other public bodies.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1. The Committee are asked to (a) nominate one further Elected Member, and three substitute representatives to the proposed WRTP, and (b) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.


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