

Appointments to Joint Property Vehicle Shareholder Meetings

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Cllr John Fisher
Portfolio Holder Consulted	Yes
Relevant Head of Service	Claire Felton, Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services
Ward(s) Affected	All
Ward Councillor(s) Consulted	N/A
Key Decision / Non-Key Decision	Non key

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

- 1.1 Further to the Council decision in December 2014 to participate in the Joint Property Vehicle, this report seeks confirmation of the appointments to the Shareholder meetings.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Council is requested to RESOLVE

- 1. That Councillor John Fisher, Portfolio Holder for Corporate Management, and Kevin Dicks, Chief Executive, be appointed as shareholders to the Shareholder meetings of the Place Partnership;**
- 2. That in future appointment to the Shareholder meetings be by office; the Chief Executive and the Portfolio Holder for the function which includes corporate property management, both being able to nominate substitutes for when they are unable to attend a meeting.**

3. KEY ISSUES

Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Legal Implications

- 3.2 The legal framework for the Joint Property Vehicle is a trading company, limited by shares and wholly owned by the participating partners. The appointments are required by the shareholder Member agreement.

Service / Operational Implications

- 3.3 When the Council agreed to join the Joint Property Vehicle, it resolved to appoint two member representatives and their substitutes to the Shareholder meetings. The Director of Finance and Resources represents the authority on the Board of the company.

- 3.4 Since the Council decision, work has been completed to set up the company, which is called Place Partnership. The partners involved in addition to the Borough Council are Worcestershire County Council, Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Service, Warwickshire Police, West Mercia Police and Worcester City Council. The new Company is responsible for the management of 1,323 assets across Herefordshire, Shropshire (including Telford and Wrekin), Warwickshire and Worcestershire.
- 3.5 The position has changed in terms of representation from each of the partners for the Shareholder meetings. Instead of two Councillors and substitutes the Council is now requested to appoint one Councillor and a lead officer, with both able to appoint a nominee if they are unable to attend a meeting.
- 3.6 As the company is set up to manage property it is suggested that the Councillor appointment should be the holder of the Portfolio which includes the corporate management of property – currently Councillor John Fisher. For the officer representation it is proposed that this is the Chief Executive. These proposals mirror the appointments made by other partners to the Shareholder meetings.
- 3.7 In order to ensure smooth running of the company, it is also proposed that in future appointments are made by office, ie; the portfolio holder whose remit includes corporate property management and the Chief Executive.

Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 3.6 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

There are no specific high level risks arising from this report. Making appointments by office should ensure regular attendance at Shareholder meetings of the company.

5. APPENDICES

None.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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