

# The City of Edinburgh Council

10.00am, Thursday, 28 April, 2016

## Appointments to Outside Bodies – Edinburgh BioQuarter

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### Executive summary

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At its meeting on 26 April 2016, the Economy Committee approved the new revised governance arrangements and structure that are being put in place at the Edinburgh BioQuarter. The Council is asked to nominate an Elected Member representative to the Advisory Board of the Edinburgh BioQuarter.

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## Appointments to Outside Bodies – Edinburgh BioQuarter

### Recommendations

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- 1.1 To appoint one Elected Member to represent the City of Edinburgh Council on the Advisory Board of the Edinburgh BioQuarter.

### Background

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- 2.1 The Economy Committee received a report on 26 April 2016 on the Edinburgh BioQuarter and the Council's partnership role within its new governance arrangements. The Committee agreed officer representation on the Edinburgh BioQuarter Strategy Board as the Chief Executive, the Executive Director of Place and Service Manager, Investment and International Relations.

### Main report

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- 3.1 The Edinburgh BioQuarter is a flagship academic and medical centre of excellence. A review of the BioQuarter partnership in 2014 has initiated a refreshed governance structure.
- 3.2 The collaborative agreement for the Edinburgh BioQuarter between the four partners – the University of Edinburgh (UoE), Scottish Enterprise (SE), the City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) and NHS Lothian (NHSL) recognises the partners' mutual interests in the integrated development and operation of the entire BioQuarter campus, including commercialisation.
- 3.3 Over the last decade, investment of £320m has taken place delivering 100,000m<sup>2</sup> of leading medical, commercial, teaching and research facilities. The site currently hosts a 900 bed teaching hospital, a world famous medical school, two state-of-the-art research buildings and a fully occupied incubator hub. The new Royal Hospital for Sick Children is also currently in development on the adjacent site and is due to open in autumn 2017.
- 3.4 The new governance arrangements will allow the next phase of development to move ahead and allow the partners' vision for the BioQuarter to be fully realised.

- 3.5 An Advisory Board, a Strategy Board and an Executive Function will be established. A diagram of the Governance Structure is contained within Appendix 1. This includes a link to the Council's South East Locality Team. The Advisory Board, chaired at Scottish Ministerial level, is a high level advisory body which will provide external expertise and advice for forward planning and evolution of the BioQuarter strategy.
- 3.6 The Council is required to appoint an Elected Member to the Advisory Board of the Edinburgh BioQuarter.

### **Measures of success**

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- 4.1 Companies investing in Edinburgh and creating new jobs within the city. Raising the profile of Edinburgh's life sciences strengths and global competitiveness.

### **Financial impact**

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- 5.1 There are no financial impacts arising from this report.

### **Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact**

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- 6.1 There are no significant risks associated with this report.

### **Equalities impact**

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- 7.1 There are no equalities impacts arising from this report.

### **Sustainability impact**

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- 8.1 There are no sustainability impacts arising from this report.

### **Consultation and engagement**

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- 9.1 No consultation or engagement is required.

## Background reading/external references

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Edinburgh BioQuarter website [www.edinburghbioquarter.com](http://www.edinburghbioquarter.com)

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## Links

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<b>Coalition pledges</b>	<b>P15</b> – Work with public organisations, the private sector and social enterprise to promote Edinburgh to investors.
<b>Council outcomes</b>	<b>CO7</b> – Edinburgh draws new investment in development and regeneration <b>CO8</b> - Edinburgh's economy creates and sustains job opportunities <b>CO9</b> – Edinburgh residents are able to access job opportunities
<b>Single Outcome Agreement</b>	<b>S01</b> - Edinburgh's Economy Delivers increased investment, jobs and opportunities for all
<b>Appendices</b>	Appendix 1 Governance Structure

## BIOQUARTER GOVERNANCE

