

Transport and Environment Committee

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Transport for Edinburgh Ltd and Lothian Buses board composition

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Executive summary

Transport for Edinburgh Ltd and Lothian Buses board composition

1. Summary

- 1.1 A report was considered at the Council meeting on 22 August 2013 on preparing for tram operations which approved the process for the various corporate and operational documents required for the governance of tram operations.
- 1.2 This report updates the Transport and Environment Committee in relation to the following decisions from the 22 August 2013 meeting which stated that Council; note and approve:
 - 1.2.1 the composition of the boards of Topco and Tramco set out in section 3.7.1 and 3.7.2 of the report, and appoints those persons set out in section 3.7.1 and 3.7.2 as Directors of Topco and Tramco respectively and delegates authority to the Transport and Environment Committee to conduct the recruitment and selection process, and to appoint the three non-executive directors of Topco with transport experience; and
 - 1.2.2 that further consideration be given to the composition of the board of Busco and that a report is submitted to the Transport and Environment Committee in relation to the Busco board composition on or before 31 October 2013.

2. Recommendations

That Committee;

- 2.1 note and approve the process for the recruitment of non-executive directors to Transport for Edinburgh and Lothian Buses; and
- 2.2 note that the appointment of the non-executives and the proposals for the composition of the Lothian Buses board will be reported to the Council meeting on 12 December 2013.

Measures of success

Delivery of a safe, efficient and cost effective integrated transport operation for the City.

Financial impact

There are no financial impacts as a result of this report.

Equalities impact

There is an ongoing full equalities impact assessment being undertaken in relation to the Edinburgh Tram project to ensure that as implementation progresses the equalities impact assessment is maintained.

Sustainability impact

As part of a broader sustainable transport strategy within the city it is anticipated that the tram will make a positive overall contribution to the environment by encouraging modal shift from private vehicles to public transport and mitigating the impacts of population growth and commuter and visitor generated traffic.

Consultation and engagement

There has been extensive engagement with the Chief Executive of Busco.

Background reading / external references

[Edinburgh Tram Project ,The City of Edinburgh Council 30 June 2011](#)

[Edinburgh Tram Project, The City of Edinburgh Council 2 September 2011](#)

[Edinburgh Tram Project, The City of Edinburgh Council 25 October 2012](#)

[Edinburgh Tram Project, The City of Edinburgh Council 31 January 2013](#)

[Edinburgh Tram Project – Preparing for Operations, The City of Edinburgh Council 27 June 2013](#)

[Edinburgh Tram Project - Preparing for Operations, The City of Edinburgh Council 22 August 2013](#)

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1. Background

- 1.1 On 22 August 2013 a report was provided to the Council in relation to Edinburgh Trams – Preparing for operations.
- 1.2 A decision was made at the Council meeting on 22 August 2013 to delegate authority to the Transport and Environment Committee to conduct the recruitment and selection process, and to appoint, the three non-executive directors of Topco with transport experience.
- 1.3 Council also decided at the meeting on 22 August 2013 that further consideration of the board of Busco (“Lothian Buses”) is reported to the Transport and Environment Committee on or before 31 October 2013.

2. Main report

- 2.1 In the period since the Council meeting on 22 August 2013, there has been a further report considered by Council on 24 October 2013 which approved appointments to the board of Transport for Edinburgh in relation to;
 - (a) four non-executive directors who are elected members of the Council (two from the Capital Coalition and two from opposition). The Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee would be the chairperson; and
 - (b) four executive directors, who will be the Group CEO, Group FD, Group COO and the Engineering Director.
- 2.2 The recruitment process for the three remaining non-executive directors with transport experience is now progressing. The Council’s recruitment committee has met to approve the advertisement and the specification for these appointments.
- 2.3 In order to ensure harmony in relation to the operation of buses and trams in the city, the recruitment process for non-executive directors of Transport for Edinburgh will also apply to the recruitment of non-executive directors of Lothian Buses. It is anticipated that one of the candidates will also be appointed as the Chair of Lothian Buses.
- 2.4 The recruitment process is due to be completed at the end of November 2013 with the recommendations of the recruitment committee along with the composition of the Lothian Buses board being brought before Council on 12 December 2013 for decision.

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Links

Coalition pledges	P18 – Complete the tram project in accordance with current plans.
Council outcomes	CO7 - Edinburgh draws new investment in development and regeneration. CO8 – Edinburgh’s economy creates and sustains job opportunities. CO22 – Moving efficiently – Edinburgh has a transport system that improves connectivity and is green, healthy and accessible.
Single Outcome Agreement	SO1 – Edinburgh’s economy delivers increased investment, jobs and opportunities for all.
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