City of Edinburgh Council

10.00am, Thursday, 19 September 2019

Appointment to the Board of Transport for Edinburgh

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Council Commitments

1. Recommendations

1.1 Council is requested to approve the appointment of Dr George Hazel OBE to the Board of Transport for Edinburgh (TfE) with effect from 30 September 2019 for a period of three years.

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Report

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2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 Transport for Edinburgh's vision is to provide world-class integrated, environmentally-friendly and socially-inclusive transport which plays a central role in the future success of Edinburgh and the Lothians. The company was established in 2013.
- 2.2 There are currently two vacancies on the Board of TfE. The TfE Board met on 16 August 2019 to consider the nomination of Dr George Hazel OBE to join their board and this was approved.
- 2.3 The Council is asked to approve the appointment of Dr George Hazel OBE to the Board of TfE with effect from 30 September 2019.

3. Background

- 3.1 TfE was established in October 2013 as the parent company for LB and ET. TfE is an Arm's-Length External Organisation (ALEO) wholly owned by the Council. This arrangement is governed by a Shareholder Agreement between the Council and TfE. The Shareholder agreement was amended following approval by Council on 2 May 2019.
- 3.2 On 2 May 2019 Council approved an amendment to the Shareholding Agreement for TfE to allow for a mix of Executive and Non-Executive Directors (NED) up to a maximum of seven, rather than having a fixed number for each category of Director.
- 3.3 There are currently two vacancies on the Board of TfE for NEDs.

4. Main report

4.1 The Board of TfE are actively seeking to identify two individuals to enhance the existing breadth of knowledge, skills and experience on the board.

4.2 Dr George Hazel OBE is currently engaged as an independent Transport Consultant and was formerly Director of City Development for City of Edinburgh Council and Director of Transportation at Lothian Regional Council.

5. Next Steps

5.1 There is one further NED vacancy for the Board of TfE. The appointment to this position will be the subject of approval by Council at the appropriate time.

6. Financial impact

6.1 There are no financial impacts arising from this report.

7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

7.1 There are no adverse stakeholder/community impacts arising from this report.

8. Background reading/external references

8.1 None.

9. Appendices

9.1 None.