

## **REPORT OF THE RULING GROUP BUSINESS MANAGER APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES – EAST MIDLANDS HIGH SPEED 2 (HS2) SKILLS AND SUPPLY CHAIN BOARD**

### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek approval to add the East Midlands High Speed 2 (HS2) Skills and Supply Chain Board to the Council's approved outside body list.
2. To agree to the appointment of an Elected Member to the Board as the Council's representative.

### **Information**

3. HS2 Phase 2b provides the opportunity to establish an East Midlands Growth Zone at Toton including the development of the Hub Station and neighbouring sites resulting in the creation of:
  - 170,000 sq m office/research and development floorspace
  - 11,000 sq m retail and other commercial floorspace
  - 11,500 gross jobs and 9,100 net additional jobs
4. A skilled workforce is central to the delivery of these HS2 ambitions. To this end East Midlands Chamber is leading on the establishment of an HS2 Skills and Employability Framework which focuses on the development of the current and future workforce within the region. Five key areas of activity have been identified:
  - inspiring young people
  - building Further Education capacity
  - harnessing the power of our universities
  - support for individuals
  - ensuring our businesses are HS2 ready
5. At the HS2 Executive Board Meeting in December 2018, a revised HS2 governance structure was agreed which included the establishment of an East Midlands HS2 Skills and Supply Chain Board to drive the skills and supply chain work at a strategic level. Membership of this group would be at a senior level and in the case of Local Authorities this would be member representation drawn from the 6 upper tier local authorities.
6. The Skills and Supply Chain Board will meet quarterly.

### **Other Options Considered**

7. Policy Committee could decide not to add the body to the Council's list of Outside Bodies.

## **Reason for Recommendation**

8. To enable the County Council to contribute towards shaping the skills development and supply chain aspects of HS2 at a strategic level.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

9. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

## **Data Protection and Information Governance**

10. The Outside Body will be responsible for its own data protection.

## **Financial Implications**

11. None arising from the report.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that:

- a) the East Midlands HS2 Skills and Supply Chain Board be added to the Council's approved outside body list and
- b) the Council nominates one elected member to be appointed to the East Midlands HS2 Skills and Supply Chain Board, to be arranged by the Ruling Group Business Manager.

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**Ruling Group Business Manager**

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## **Constitutional Comments (CEH 12/03/19)**

12. The recommendations fall within the remit of Policy Committee under its terms of reference.

## **Financial Comments (RWK 11/03/2019)**

12. There are no specific financial implications arising directly from the report.

### **Background Papers and Published Documents**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- HS2 East Midlands Growth Strategy – Delivery Phase, Report to Policy Committee, published 14 February 2018
- High Speed 2 (HS2) Resource Plan, Report to Policy Committee, published 20 June 2018
- High Speed 2 (HS2) Growth – Delivery Phase report to Policy Committee, published 13 February 2019
- HS2 Skills and Employability Strategic Framework – Fast Track to Inclusive growth across the East Midlands. Available on line at:  
[http://www.emcouncils.gov.uk/write/HS2\\_Skills\\_and\\_Employability\\_Strategic\\_Framework.pdf](http://www.emcouncils.gov.uk/write/HS2_Skills_and_Employability_Strategic_Framework.pdf)

### **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

- All