



Meeting Administration Committee

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Report of the Director of Culture and Community

Appointments to the Alliance Sub-Regional Strategic Partnership

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of the report is to seek approval to the nomination of County Councillors to the Board and Issue Groups of the Alliance Sub-Regional Strategic Partnership (SSP).

Information and Advice

2. In 2002, East Midlands Development Agency (emda) established SSPs across the region and charged them with delivering the Regional Economic Strategy within the sub-regions. The Alliance SSP covers North Derbyshire and North Nottinghamshire. Within Nottinghamshire the area covered is the local authority districts of Ashfield (excluding Hucknall); Bassetlaw, Mansfield and Newark and Sherwood. The Alliance SSP has significant amounts of emda and European Funding (approx £40m over 3 years) to commission activity that will help deliver the regeneration strategy for the area.
3. The SSP is a company limited by guarantee. It has a Board of 15 directors which comprise 5 from the local authority sector, 5 from the private sector and 5 other public sector. 2 of the 5 local authority directorships are set aside for Derbyshire County Council and Nottinghamshire County Council nominees with 3 of the area's 7 district councils filling the other 3 directorships in rotation.
4. Following changes to the delegations in the portfolios for the Deputy Leader and the Cabinet Member for Regeneration (reported to Full Council on 29th July 2004), the Deputy Leader has terminated his tenure as director of the Alliance SSP company. A nomination is now required for a senior member to fill this vacancy. As

the relevant Cabinet member, it would be appropriate for the Councillor Winterton to be nominated to this role.

5. The Alliance SSP has a Board of Directors as the primary decision making body but delegates to four Strategic Issue Groups the task of commissioning activity to further the SSP's strategy for the area. These Groups are:
 - Economic Infrastructure;
 - Enterprise and Innovation;
 - Employment and Skills;
 - Sustainable Communities.
6. Each of these Strategic Issue Groups is chaired by a director and it is likely that the County Council's nominated member would be asked to chair the Economic Infrastructure Group, a role previously undertaken by the Deputy Leader. Approval is sought for a County Councillor to be appointed to each of these groups. Existing portfolio designations would suggest that the Cabinet member for Education would be the appropriate nominee for Employment and Skills and the Cabinet member for Regeneration would be the appropriate nominee for Economic Infrastructure.

Statutory and Policy Implications

7. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, personnel, Crime and Disorder and those using the service. Where such implications are material, they have been described in the text of the report.

Recommendation

8. That a County Councillor be nominated to the Board of the Alliance SSP and that County Councillors be nominated to the Alliance SSP's Strategic Issue Groups.

Mick Burrows

Director Culture and Community

Legal Comments

Under the constitution of the County Council the making of appointments to outside bodies relating to functions of Council is a matter reserved to the Administration Committee. The person appointed should be aware that under company law he/she will have a primary duty to the Company when acting as a director and must subordinate the interests of the Council to the interests of the Company when acting in that capacity. (JA 06.08.04)

Director of Resources' Financial Comments

The only costs will relate to travel which are difficult to estimate.

Background Papers Available for Inspection

Alliance SSP Company Articles and Memorandum of Association.
Alliance SSP Business Plan 2003/4

Electoral Divisions Affected

The North Derbyshire and North Nottinghamshire SSP impacts on electoral divisions covering the Districts of Ashfield, Bassetlaw, Mansfield and Newark and Sherwood as follows:

Ashfield District - Kirkby-in-Ashfield North, Kirkby-in-Ashfield South, Sutton-in-Ashfield Central, Sutton-in-Ashfield East, Sutton-in-Ashfield North, Sutton-in-Ashfield West, Selston

Bassetlaw District - Blyth and Harworth, Misterton, Retford North, Retford South, Tuxford, Worksop East, Worsop North and Carlton, Worksop South East and Welbeck, Worksop West

Mansfield District- Cumberlands and Ladybrook, Leeming and Forest Town, Northfield and Manor, Oakham and Berry Hill, Oaktree and Lindhurst, Pleasley Hill and Broomhill, Ravensdale and Sherwood, Tichfield and Eakring, Warsop.

Newark and Sherwood District – Balderton, Blidworth, Caunton, Collingham. Newark North, Newark South, Ollerton, Rufford, Southwell