

meeting **Administration Committee**

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agenda item number **7**

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR (ICT SERVICES)

REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES – APPOINTMENTS TO EAST MIDLANDS BROADBAND CONSORTIUM PLC

Purpose of report

1. To seek the approval of the Committee for a change of officer representation, set out below, on the East Midlands Broadband Consortium PL Company (EMBC).

Information and advice

2. Nottinghamshire is currently a member of EMBC, which is a limited company established by 8 of the regional local authorities to procure broadband connectivity and services for schools.
3. At its meeting on the 25th April 2007, this Committee appointed the Head of Customer Services in the ICT Service to act as the Nottinghamshire representative Director for the company and as the Nottinghamshire Member for the company. The Director role is largely concerned with ensuring the proper running of the company and the fulfilling of its obligations, whereas the Member role is largely concerned with overseeing that Nottinghamshire's interests and priorities are identified and acted upon.
4. Following a previous reorganisation within ICT Services the job title of Head of Customer Services no longer exists. ICT Services are now going through another staffing reorganisation which will include changes to job titles and responsibilities.
5. At its meeting of 4th February 2009 Cabinet approved new future procurement arrangements for broadband connectivity and services in order to establish one coherent solution for both school and corporate users. As part of this new procurement exercise Nottinghamshire will exit from EMBC as a company and from the current EMBC contract by 31st March 2011. As part of the exit arrangements it will become increasingly difficult for one officer to undertake both the role of Director of EMBC and the Member of EMBC. There will be a need for more independence of duties so that the Director can properly concentrate on the proper running and viability of the company itself, and the Member can concentrate on ensuring that Nottinghamshire interests are fulfilled.

6. In the circumstances described above it is therefore:

RECOMMENDED

That the Service Director (ICT) appoints a Director for the company and a separate Member for the company from within the senior management team of ICT Services (tier 3 officers or above).

Steve Sankey
Service Director (ICT Services)

Service Director (Finance) Comments

Legal Services Comments (PW 14/01/10)

It is within the delegation to administration committee to make this appointment.

Background papers available for inspection

None.

Electoral Division affected

All.