

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

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TAY CITIES REGION DEAL JOINT COMMITTEE PROPOSED CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP

Report by Strategic Lead – Economy, Development & Planning
(Report No. 23/345)

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to approve a change to the membership of the Tay Cities Region Joint Committee. The Council previously approved the establishment of the Joint Committee in a report to committee in August 2017. Any changes to the membership bodies represented on the Committee must be approved by the constituent Councils.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that Council:
- approves the change to the membership of the Tay Cities Region Joint Committee, to allocate the vacant voting membership to the Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership (Tactran).

3. STRUCTURE OF REPORT

- 3.1 This report is structured over the following sections:
- Section 4: Background
 - Section 5: Proposals
 - Section 6: Conclusion
 - Appendix 1: Terms of Reference of Joint Committee

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Perth and Kinross Council, at its meeting on 16 August 2017, agreed to the establishment of a Joint Committee under Section 57 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 with Fife, Angus and Dundee City Councils, representatives from the Tay Cities Higher Education and Further Education forum, third sector interface organisations and the Tay Cities Regional Enterprise Forum to oversee the governance arrangements for Tay Cities Deal (report no.17/264 refers). The Council also approved the Minute of Agreement establishing the Joint Committee. Further details are provided within the Joint Committee Governance Agreement attached as Appendix 1.

- 4.2 The partners established the Joint Committee as the decision-making body to implement the Deal and to provide oversight of a number of other functions including regional economic development, regional spatial planning and regional infrastructure. It is supported by a structure led by the Management Group to carry out the operational activities and advise the Joint Committee. The Joint Committee is the ultimate regional decision-making body for the Deal. It also has a wider role to lead regional collaboration more broadly. It oversees all investment and approves relevant business cases. It is governed by the Joint Committee Governance Agreement. The Agreement sets out matters including membership and voting rights; the purpose and functions of the Committee; the powers delegated to the Management Group; the role of the Programme Management Office, funding, and budget arrangements.
- 4.3 The Chair of the Joint Committee and the Management Group rotates on an annual basis between the member Local Authorities. Perth & Kinross Council chaired the Joint Committee (Councillor Grant Laing), as well the Management Group Chair (Barbara Renton, Executive Director - Communities) since December 2022. Fife Council take these positions from December 2023. The four Tay Cities Region local authorities, appoint three members each to the Joint Committee. The current representatives from Perth & Kinross Council are Councillors Grant Laing, John Duff and Sheila McCole.
- 4.4 In the current Joint Committee Agreement, the Enterprise Forum is entitled to two non-elected voting positions (Chair and Vice Chair). However, since March 2021, the Forum have only been using one position at the Joint Committee. In May 2022, when the Forum confirmed its new chair, no vice chair was nominated. Subsequently, the Enterprise Forum has confirmed that they do not require both positions on the Joint Committee.

5. PROPOSALS

- 5.1 Following discussions within the Management Group of the partnership, the proposal is to recommend that the vacant voting position is allocated to the statutory Regional Transport Partnership, Tactran. Tactran is already represented on the Committee as a non-voting member. They are responsible for the Regional Transport Strategy, one of the support functions of the Joint Committee as set out at Appendix 1.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 Following the recommendation from the Tay Cities Region Management Group that the vacant voting membership on the Tay Cities Joint Committee is allocated to Tactran; the Council is asked to approve this change to the Membership of the Joint Committee. The other member local authorities have all confirmed that they have approved the change in membership.

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APPENDICES

- Appendix 1 – Joint Committee Governance Agreement

1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Strategic Implications	Yes / None
Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement	Yes
Corporate Plan	Yes
Resource Implications	
Financial	No
Workforce	No
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	No
Assessments	
Equality Impact Assessment	No
Strategic Environmental Assessment	No
Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)	No
Legal and Governance	Yes
Risk	No
Consultation	
Internal	Yes
External	Yes
Communication	
Communications Plan	No

1. Strategic Implications

Community Plan/Single Outcome Agreement

1.1 This report supports all of the priorities within the Community Plan 2022-27.

- (i) *Reducing Poverty (including child poverty, fuel poverty and food poverty)*
- (ii) *Mental and physical wellbeing*
- (iii) *Digital participation*
- (iv) *Skills, learning and development*
- (v) *Employability*

Corporate Plan

1.2 This report supports the objectives within the Corporate Plan:-

- (i) *Children and young people grow up safe, respected, well-educated, and confident in their ability to realise their full potential;*
- (ii) *People and businesses are increasingly able to prosper in a local economy which support low carbon ambitions and offers opportunities for all;*
- (iii) *People can achieve their best physical and mental health and have access to quality care and support when they need it;*
- (iv) *Communities are resilient and physically, digital and socially connected;*
- (v) *Perth and Kinross is a safe and vibrant place, mitigating the impact of climate and environmental change for this and future generations.*

2. Resource Implications

Financial

2.1 This proposal has no financial implications.

Workforce

2.2 This proposal has no workforce implications.

Asset Management (land, property, IT)

2.3 This report has no land, property or IT implications.

3. Assessments

3.1 The proposal has been considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) with the following outcome:

(i) Assessed as **not relevant** for the purposes of EqIA

Strategic Environmental Assessment

3.2 The Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 places a duty on the Council to identify and assess the environmental consequences of its proposals.

The proposal has been considered under the Act and no further action is required as it does not qualify as a PPS as defined by the Act and is therefore exempt.

Sustainability

3.3 Under the provisions of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 the Council has to discharge its duties in a way which contributes to the achievement of sustainable development. Under the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 the Council also has a duty relating to climate change and, in exercising its functions must act:

- in the way best calculated to delivery of the Act's emissions reduction targets;
- in the way best calculated to deliver any statutory adaptation programmes; and
- in a way that it considers most sustainable.

The proposal is not considered to be relevant or requiring assessment against the Council's Principles for Sustainable Development.

Legal and Governance

- 3.4 The Council agreed to enter into a Minute of Agreement to establish a Joint Committee under Section 57 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 for the purposes of progressing and implementing the Tay Cities Deal on 16th August 2017. To comply with that agreement the Council needs to approve the proposed change in membership to allocate a vacant voting membership to Tactran. The Head of Legal and Governance Services has been consulted.

Risk

- 3.5 There are no specific identified risks attached to the proposal presented within the report.

4. Consultation

Internal

- 4.1 The Head of Legal and Governance has been consulted on the preparation of this report.

External

- 4.2 The Tay Cities Management Group have been consulted in the development of the proposal contained within this report.

5. Communication

- 5.1 No specific communications will be required arising from this report.

2. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 2.1 Joint Committee Governance Agreement (Appendix 1).