

REPORT TO: East Lothian Council

MEETING DATE: 29 March 2022

BY: Executive Director for Place

SUBJECT: Appointments to Outside Bodies

1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to:

- 1.1 seek approval for the appointment of the Council Leader as a director of the companies within the East Lothian Council (ELC) and Queen Margaret University (QMU) Joint Venture Company Structure until 4 May 2022. The appointment as a director will be for (1) Holdco JV, (2) Hub Holdco, and (3) Hub Opco.
- 1.2 seek approval for the appointment of an ELC Project Manager within the Growth Delivery Team as a director of the companies within ELC and QMU Joint Venture Company Structure. The appointment as a director will be for (1) Holdco JV, (2) Hub Holdco, (3) Hub Opco, and (4) Hub Devco.
- 1.3 ask Council to note the continued appointment of the Council Leader (until 4 May 2022) as a director of Newco which will become Hub Devco.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

Council is requested to:

- 2.1 approve the appointment of the Council Leader as a director of the companies within the ELC and QMU Joint Venture Company Structure until 4 May 2022. The appointment as a director will be for (1) Holdco JV, (2) Hub Holdco, and (3) Hub Opco.
- 2.2 approve the appointment an ELC Project Manager within the Growth Delivery Team as a director of the companies within the ELC and QMU Joint Venture Company Structure. The appointment as a director will be for (1) Holdco JV, (2) Hub Holdco, (3) Hub Opco, and (4) Hub Devco.

- 2.3 note the continued appointment of the Council Leader (until 4 May 2022) as a director of Newco which will become Hub Devco.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 On 16 November 2021, ELC approved the appointment of the Council Leader to the role of Director of Newco (which will become Hub Devco).
- 3.2 On 22 February 2022, ELC approved the Joint Venture Company Structure between ELC and QMU which supported the incorporation of (1) Holdco JV, (2) Hub Holdco, and (3) Hub Opco.
- 3.3 The appointment of the Council Leader and an ELC Project Manager within the Growth Delivery Team as directors of (1) Holdco JV, (2) Hub Holdco, (3) Hub Opco, and (4) Hub Devco will ensure 50/50 representation at board level between ELC and QMU.
- 3.4 The appointment of the Council Leader until 4 May 2022 is due to the impending Scottish Local Government Election which will be held on 5 May 2022. Thereafter a reappointment process shall be pursued, pending the outcome of the Council election. In the event that a decision is required in the interim period when no Member is a Director then the ELC Project Manager within the Growth Delivery Team will have two votes to maintain parity.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None

5 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 The subject of this report does not affect the wellbeing of the community or have a significant impact on equality, the environment or economy

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Financial – East Lothian Council’s £10M contribution is reflected in the approved capital plan.
- 6.2 Personnel – None
- 6.3 Other – None

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 Council Report (Private) - Commercial Heads of Terms between ELC and QMU for the Delivery of the Food and Drink Innovation Hub and Park – 27 October 2020.
- 7.2 Council Report (Private) - Commercial Heads of Terms between East Lothian Council and Queen Margaret University for the Delivery of the Food and Drink Innovation Hub and Park – 15 December 2020.
- 7.3 Council Report (Private) ELC/QMU Commercial Heads of Terms. – 27 April 2021
- 7.4 Council Report (Private) East Lothian Council / Queen Margaret University Legal Update – 16 November 2021
- 7.5 Council Report (Private) East Lothian Council / Queen Margaret University Joint Venture – February 2022

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