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BUSINESS BOARD: MINUTES

Date: Monday, 24 September 2018

Time: 2.30pm – 2.36pm

Location: Kreis Viersen Room, Shire Hall, Cambridge

Present: Councillor Charles Roberts (Chairman), James Palmer (Mayor), Professor Andy Neely and Councillor Wayne Fitzgerald

35. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Apologies received from Councillor Lance Stanbury.

The Chairman welcomed the public, and extended a special welcome to the new Board Members, attending the meeting as observers.

It was noted that Councillor Roberts and James Palmer were members of the Combined Authority Board, but that there were no conflicts of interest in relation to the items to be considered.

36. MINUTES OF THE MEETING – 23rd JULY 2018

The minutes of the Business Board meeting held on 23rd July 2018 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

37. APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

The Board considered a report on membership of the new Business Board, following a recruitment campaign and interview process for private sector members.

Presenting the report, the Interim Director of Business and Skills reminded Members that there had been a significant recruitment campaign since April, in an attempt to attract key opinion leaders to the new Business Board. The Shadow Business Board was being asked to agree membership for a three year period, and a two year period for the Chair and Vice Chair. It was noted that the Chair of the Business Board would be a voting Member of the Combined Authority Board, whereas the Vice Chair would not have any voting rights, except when he/she was substituting for the Chair.

The proposals for Business Board membership also included two public sector representatives, the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor, who would not have voting rights.

Government had given Combined Authorities a very clear steer that the Business Boards should be industry led. At a previous meeting, the Business Board agreed the membership of the new Business Board should comprise two public sector members

and eight private sector members. Following the selection process, seven very high quality industry leaders were being recommended as Members of the new Business Board. All candidates would be asked to sign a declaration affirming their understanding and commitment to the Code of Conduct.

The Mayor commented that the shortlisting and interview panels had been a very rigorous process, to find appropriate individuals to represent the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough business communities. The applicants that had come forward had been outstanding, and thanks was due to all applicants for applying, and apologies to those who did not make the final group, due to the high calibre of applicants. Thanks was also due to those successful applicants for their commitment to the Business Board.

The Interim Director advised that the LEP Review had indicated that wherever possible, there should be a good number of female representatives on the Business Board, specifically a third of the Board by 2020. Two of the shortlisted candidates females had been female, including one of the successful applicants.

The Chairman thanked the officer team and all Members, especially Councillors Stanbury and Fitzgerald, who had brought the process to this stage. He also thanked members of the public for attending, but indicated that they would be required to withdraw for the next meeting, which would be held in private.

It was resolved unanimously to:

1. agree the appointments of private sector members to the Business Board as for a period of three years until September 2021;
2. note that the new Business Board shall be asked to appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair for a period of two years until September 2021;
3. note the Chair of the Business Board will be a voting member of the Combined Authority Board. The Vice Chair will be a non-voting member of the Combined Authority Board except when substituting for the Chair.

Chairman