

Appointment of Chief Executive to the Hub National Programme Board**Report by John Blair, Director, Resources****1 Purpose of Report**

This report invites the Council to endorse the appointment of Kenneth Lawrie, Chief Executive of Midlothian Council to the Hub National Programme Board.

2 Background**2.1** The Scotland-wide hub initiative led by the Scottish Futures Trust (SFT) reflects a national approach to the delivery of new community infrastructure, the value of which is estimated at more than £2bn over the next 10 years.

The hub initiative brings together community planning partners (including health boards, local authorities, police and fire and rescue services) and a private sector development partner to form a hubCo to increase joint working and deliver best value. Five regional hubs (territories) have already been formally established across Scotland being:-

South East Territory
North Territory
East Central Territory
West Territory
South West Territory

The Council is represented at the South East Territory Partnering Board by Garry Sheret, Head of Property and Facilities Management.

2.2 A Hub National Programme Board has also been established which consists of representatives from the various associated public bodies, including the SFT, Hub Territory Chairs and the Scottish Government.**2.3** SOLACE (The Society of Local Authority Chief Executives in Scotland) have recently been asked to nominate a replacement for Mary Pitcaithly (Chief Executive of Falkirk Council) to serve on the Hub National Programme Board and Kenneth Lawrie, Chief Executive of Midlothian Council, has been proposed.**2.4** The Hub strategic and delivery objectives and the constitution and remit of the Board are set out as Appendices 1 and 2 to this report. Part of the role of the National Programme Board is to ensure these strategic and delivery objectives are being met. It is important to the local government sector that these objectives are delivered upon, notably better value for money, the best use of available infrastructure, the sharing of innovation and best practice, local employment and training and the delivery of community benefits. The role of the local

government representative on the Board will be in part to scrutinise and challenge performance against these objectives.

3 Report Implications

3.1 Resource

If taking up this role, the commitment on the Chief Executive would be to attend up to four Board meetings per annum. There are no other resource implications arising from this request.

3.2 Risk

There are no risks arising from this report.

3.3 Single Midlothian Plan and Business Transformation

Themes addressed in this report:

- ☐ Community safety
- ☐ Adult health, care and housing
- ☐ Getting it right for every Midlothian child
- ☐ Improving opportunities in Midlothian
- ☐ Sustainable growth
- ☐ Business transformation and Best Value
- ☒ None of the above

3.4 Impact on Performance and Outcomes

Not applicable.

3.5 Adopting a Preventative Approach

Not applicable.

3.6 Involving Communities and Other Stakeholders

Not applicable.

3.7 Ensuring Equalities

An EqIA is not required.

3.8 Supporting Sustainable Development

Not applicable.

3.9 IT Issues

Not applicable.

4 Recommendation

To endorse the appointment of Kenneth Lawrie, Chief Executive of Midlothian Council, to the Hub National Programme Board.

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