

## **Scottish Enterprise (East) Regional Advisory Board - Nomination**

Report by Ian L Young, Director Strategic Services

### **1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 This report advises on the new Scottish Enterprise (East) Regional Advisory Board and seeks the nomination of a Council representative to the Board.

### **2 Background**

- 2.1 With the restructuring of Scottish Enterprise (SE) it was recommended that Regional Advisory Boards (RAB) be formed to advise SE on the best way to maximise the contribution of the region to Scotland's economic growth.

The RAB for the SE East Region has been established. A wide range of business expertise from key industries across the region has been recruited, under the Chairmanship of Colin Stewart of Citigroup.

It was always expected that Local Authorities within the region would be represented on the RAB. Initial discussions took place via COSLA, but more recently directly with the Councils which make up the region.

There will now be four Local Authority representatives at any one time. These are expected to be Elected Members. The City of Edinburgh Council will be a permanent representative and the other three places will be filled on a rotation basis, so that all Councils will have a term on the Board by the next Local Government Elections in May 2012. Agreement has been reached that the Fife, Falkirk and East Lothian Councils serve the first term. However, SE is very keen that all Council nominate their representatives now in order that they can be kept fully apprised of the work of the RAB.

### **3 Report Implications**

#### **3.1 Resource**

There are no resource implications arising from this report.

#### **3.2 Risk**

Should the Council not be involved in the Regional Advisory Board, there is a risk Midlothian's position in the City-region will not be fully represented nor that the Council can input or influence the wider economic strategy and development for the region.

#### **3.3 Policy**

##### **Strategy**

At a strategic level, the involvement in the RAB accords with the corporate priorities to maximise business opportunities and improving opportunities for people in Midlothian.

3.4 **Consultation**

No consultation was undertaken in preparing this report.

3.5 **Equalities**


There are no equalities implications arising from this report.

3.6 **Sustainability**

There are no sustainability issues arising from this report.

4 **Recommendations**

I recommend the Council considers the nomination of a representative for the Scottish Enterprise (East) Regional Advisory Board.



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