

**CITY OF NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ECONOMIC
PROSPERITY COMMITTEE – 20 MARCH 2015**

Subject:	EPC Governance Issues		
Presenting authority / representative):	Glen O’Connell, Secretary to the Committee, Acting Corporate Director for Resources, Nottingham City Council		
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Key Decision <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Subject to call-in <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Value of decision: Not applicable			<input type="checkbox"/> Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Capital
Authorities affected: All	Date of consultation with relevant authorities: 27/02/15		
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/constituent authorities):			
<p>a) Formally, the term of the EPC’s Chair and Vice-Chair ends in May 2015.</p> <p>b) The EPC’s Terms of Reference allow for the position of Chair to rotate annually between the two N2 upper-tier authorities, and for the position of Vice-Chair to rotate annually between the seven districts.</p> <p>c) Currently, Cllr Chapman is Chair of both the EPC and the informal Notts Leaders’ meetings.</p> <p>d) Mayor Egginton is the Vice-Chair of the EPC. Mayor Egginton plans to stand down in 2015.</p> <p>e) Nottingham City Council is the EPC’s host authority – providing constitutional, policy and legal support services to the EPC.</p> <p>f) The N2 area is moving towards a Combined Authority (CA) style governance arrangement and current expectations are that a CA would replace the formal EPC.</p> <p>g) Should N2’s CA proposals prove successful, an N2 CA may be established around December 2015. In effect, any EPC Chair for the coming year, will serve only part of that term, as their role as Chair will be brought to an end by the establishment of any N2 CA.</p> <p>h) Informal Notts Leaders’ meetings may or may not continue once a CA is established – as Leaders prefer.</p> <p>i) The Local and General elections will take place on 7 May 2015.</p>			
Exempt information:			
None			
Recommendation(s):			
<p>a) That the EPC agrees who will perform its Chair and Vice-Chair roles for the coming part-year. The establishment of an N2 CA is likely to mean that the Chair and Vice-Chair serve in that role for only part of the coming year, as a new N2 CA would replace the EPC.</p>			

1 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 Cllr Chapman’s term as Chair of the EPC formally comes to an end in May 2015. The EPC’s Terms of Reference (ToR) allow for the role of Chair to rotate annually between the City and the County as N2’s two upper-tier authorities. The EPC will wish to agree the Chair for 2015.
- 1.2 Mayor Egginton’s term as EPC Vice-Chair also ends in May 2015. The EPC’s ToRs allow for the role of Vice-Chair to rotate annually between

N2's seven districts. Mayor Egginton is standing down in 2015. The EPC will wish to agree the Vice-Chair for 2015.

- 1.3 The N2 area is moving towards a Combined Authority (CA) style governance arrangement. Current expectations are that a CA would replace the formal EPC.
- 1.4 Should N2's CA proposals prove successful, an N2 CA may be established around December 2015. In effect, any EPC Chair and Vice-Chair for 2015, will serve only part of their term, as their role will be brought to an end by the establishment of any N2 CA in December.
- 1.5 Nottingham City Council has hosted the EPC since its establishment. To change this would require a change to the ToRs which would involve formal votes by each member Council.

2 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 Notts Leaders' meetings currently occur on the same morning as EPC meetings and, with Cllr Chapman acting as Chair for both meetings, provide a degree of continuity between the two agendas and thereby also avoid duplication.
- 2.2 N2's CA proposals may lead to the establishment of an N2 CA as early as December 2015. The CA, set up to address Economic Development and Strategic Transport issues, would replace the existing EPC.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 None. The EPC must agree its Chair and Vice-Chair for the coming part-year.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

- 4.1 The EPC's ToR suggest that the funding for the host authority's services are around £3,300 for each N2 authority.

5 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES (INCLUDING LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS)

- 5.1 N/A

6 SOCIAL VALUE CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 N/A

7 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)

Has the equality impact been assessed?

- (a) not needed (report does not contain proposals for new or changing policies, services or functions, financial decisions or decisions about implementation of policies development outside the Council)
- (b) No
- (c) Yes – Equality Impact Assessment attached

Due regard should be given to the equality implications identified in any attached EIA.

8 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS RELIED UPON IN WRITING THIS REPORT (NOT INCLUDING PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS OR CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION)

8. None.

9 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN THIS REPORT

9.1 Constitution (Terms of Reference, Membership and Procedures) – City of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Economic Prosperity Committee, 21 February 2014

10 OTHER COLLEAGUES WHO HAVE PROVIDED INPUT

10.1 None.