

District Councils

Health Authority

Police

Other Bodies/Individuals

FINAL DECISION YES

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:

Details to be specified

Further consideration by this Committee

To Council

To Cabinet

To an O & S Committee

To an Area Committee

Further Consultation

Agenda No 2

Leader Decision -Making Session - 28 January 2010.

Review of Appointments to ESPO Management Committee

Report of the Strategic Director of Customers Workforce and Governance

Recommendation

That the following appointments are made to the ESPO Management Committee –

3 voting members: Councillors

3 voting substitutes: Councillors

Background

1. The Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation (ESPO) is a joint committee of seven local authorities formed in 1981. The committee offers advice on best practice relating to procurement as well as offering a procurement service, including a catalogue service allowing those authorities in membership to benefit from economies of scale. Its remit is to improve and maintain effective, efficient and economical arrangements for the supply of goods and services to its constituent authorities.
2. On 23 June 2009 one voting (Councillor Heatley) and two non-voting members (Councillors Whitehouse and Naylor) were appointed. However under the constitutional arrangements for the management committee each authority has three places and one vote for each member appointed.
3. The Leader is invited to appoint three voting members to the Joint Committee. Normally only Cabinet members could be appointed as this is an executive joint committee joint committee. However the government has relaxed the rules where more than five local authorities are involved in a joint committee. This means that non-Cabinet members can be appointed to the ESPO management committee. The political balance rules do not apply to these appointments.
4. In addition the constitutional arrangements allow for the appointment of substitutes to attend and vote if one of the appointed members is unavailable. The Leader is invited to appoint up to three substitute members.

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