## AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

| Name of Committee | Leader Decision -Making Session |
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| Date of Committee | 28 January 2010 |
| Report Title | Review of Appointments to ESPO Management Committee |
| Summary | To reconsider the appointment of members to the ESPO Management Committee |
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| Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework? | No. |
| Background papers | None |
| CONSULTATION ALREADY U | NDERTAKEN:- Details to be specified |
| Other Committees | $\square$.......................... |
| Local Member(s) | Х N/A |
| Other Elected Members | Х Councillor Naylor comments -Warwickshire has been at the forefront of driving modernisation in the governance of ESPO. Constitutional requirements notwithstanding, I consider that cross party representation on ESPO has served us well in the past and should continue. <br> Councillor Whitehouse, "I agree with Councillor Naylor's comments". <br> Councillor Heatley - "I concur" |
| Cabinet Member | \ Councillor Farnell |
| Chief Executive | $\square$........................................... |
| Legal | X Sarah Duxbury |
| Finance | $\square$.......................................... |
| Other Strategic Directors | $\square$............................................ |

District CouncilsHealth Authority$\square$
Police ..... $\square$
Other Bodies/Individuals
FINAL DECISION ..... YES
SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:
Details to be specified
Further consideration by this Committee
To Council
To Cabinet$\square$
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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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