

OBSERVERS UPDATE – SAYLSA

1. Reason for Report

1.1 At the meeting of 12 July 2013, following a review, the Board appointed twenty four Observers for a period of four years. This report seeks Members' approval regarding an update to that list, as a request has been received from SAYLSA, for Jim Wilson to replace Richard Carr as their nominated observer.

1.2 This report is presented as an additional item requiring a decision at today's meeting due to there currently being no observer representative for SAYLSA, as the previous appointee has left the organisation.

2. Considerations

2.1 At the meeting of 15 March 2013 the Board agreed the Guidance for Observers which includes a protocol for the appointment of Observers

When appointing Observers, the Board will take note of the guidance on membership, and consider:-

- Will the proposed individual have a useful input and make a valuable contribution
- Does the individual represent a specific interest group
- Does the individual bring a particular knowledge or expertise

The Board will consider how the appointment of an individual as an Observer will affect the reputation of SWestrans.

2.2 Observers to the Board are appointed for four years. Although it is envisaged that a review of the full observer list will be undertaken in the year ahead as current periods of appointment come to an end.

2.3 SAYLSA the Community Rail Partnership for Carrick and Wigtownshire, has been recognised as a Community Rail Partnership since May 2014. SWestrans is represented on the SAYLSA Board of Trustees by Tom McAughtrie, and substitute John Syme.

2.4 Jim Wilson is the Company Secretary to SAYLSA and has advised that he would hope to be able to provide a valuable input to SWestrans. He has many years of experience working in tourism and the transport industry, and for the last 20 years has worked as a consultant for a wide range of clients both in the public and private sector.

3. Financial Implications

There are no financial implications in this report.

4. Consultation

The Lead Officer has been consulted and is in agreement with this report

5. Recommendation

Members of the Board are asked to approve the appointment of Jim Wilson as an Observer to the Board

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