

Appointment of Directors to Forward Swindon Ltd

Council

Date: 17th January 2013

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Wards /Locality Affected /Parishes Affected: All

1. Purpose and Reasons

- 1.1 The Council is responsible for the appointment of the Directors to serve on the Board of Forward Swindon Ltd., in accordance with the Articles of that company.
- 1.2 The Council is asked to appoint a further Director to the Board of Forward Swindon Ltd and to confirm the reappointment of its existing Board Directors.

2. Recommendations

The Council is recommended to confirm:

- 2.1 The appointment of the individual named in paragraph 3.5 to the Board of Forward Swindon Ltd, until 17th May 2013, commencing immediately.
- 2.2 The reappointment of the individuals named in paragraph 3.3 below to the Board of Forward Swindon Ltd, until 17th May 2013.

3. Detail

Background

- 3.1 Forward Swindon Ltd. was established on 1st April 2010 following approval by the Council in December 2009. It is a company limited by guarantee with the Council as the only holder of the issued ordinary shares.
 - 3.2 The company is charged with developing the economy and culture of Swindon and for delivering regeneration. It has a small executive team of 12 and is overseen by a Board of Directors.
 - 3.3 Directors of the company were appointed by the Special Committee, on behalf of the Council, on 20th April and 4th August 2011 are Mr Robin Bailey, Ms Tina Cumpstey, Mr Mark Beard, and Mr James Lockhart. Current directors also include Mr Gavin Jones, Chief Executive of the Council. Councillor Garry Perkins, Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Culture resigned from the Board on 1st June 2012.
 - 3.4 The structure and membership of the Board has been reviewed and the company has determined that the individuals have the necessary experience and skills required. It therefore recommends that the Council reappoints for a further term as Directors of Forward Swindon Ltd, Mr. Robin Bailey, Ms Tina Cumpstey, Mr Mark Beard, and Mr James Lockhart.
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- 3.5 The company also considers that the appointment of an additional Director with the appropriate skills and experience will strengthen the Board. It therefore requests the Council to increase the membership of the Board of Forward Swindon Ltd. to include Ms Jeanette Harris, HR Business Partner, UK Life, Zurich Financial Services. Further details of Ms Harris' career history are attached in Appendix 1.
- 3.6 The individuals have indicated their willingness to stand as Directors of Forward Swindon.
- 3.7 The Council is requested to confirm these appointments until 17th May 2013 with the structure and future membership of the Board to be reviewed at that time. This will enable the Council to endorse appointments at the Annual Council meeting in May 2013 and at appropriate dates thereafter.

4. Alternative Options

- 4.1 The Council could determine to not appoint/reappoint the individuals listed in the report. No other alternative options are suggested.

5. Implications, Diversity Impact Assessment and Risk Management

Financial and Procurement Implications

- 5.1 There are no financial or procurement implications for the Council arising from these appointments.

Legal and Human Rights Implications

- 5.2 Legal and Human Rights considerations have been taken fully into account in compiling this report

All Other Implications (including Staff, Sustainability, Health, Rural, Crime and Disorder)

- 5.3 There are no other specific implications arising from this report.

Links to One Swindon, Strategic Objectives, Plans and Policies

- 5.4 The successful operation of Forward Swindon Ltd. links to the delivery of One Swindon and to the emerging plans and policies associated with Stronger Together, for example the Economic Strategy.

Diversity Impact Assessment

- 5.5 A Diversity Impact Assessment (DIA) has not been undertaken at this stage as this report does not make any recommendations or have implications that affect services.

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Risk Management

5.6 No specific risks have been identified in the preparation of this report.

6. Consultees

6.1 The Board Director Finance, Revenues, Benefits and Property (Section 151 Officer) and Director of Law and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) are consulted in respect of all reports.

7. Background Papers

7.1 None.

8. Appendices

8.1 Appendix 1 – Proposed Board Member - Detail of Career history.