



Agenda Item No: 3.1

Reappointment of First Term Private Sector Members

To: Business Board

Meeting Date: 14 September 2021

Public report: Yes

Lead Member: Chair of the Business Board, Austen Adams

From: Director for Business & Skills, John T Hill

Key decision: No

Recommendations: The Business Board is recommended to:

Approve second term reappointments for private sector members Austen Adams (Chair), Andy Neely (Vice-Chair), Tina Barsby and Aamir Khalid.

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To confirm the reappointment of existing private sector members appointed in September 2018. Business Board members can serve for a period of three years with one consecutive term permitted upon unanimous vote of the Board members present and voting.

2. Background

- 2.1 The National Assurance Framework states that *“To support the Chair in their role, all LEPs should appoint a Deputy Chair. The LEP should have a defined term limit of three years for the Chair and Deputy Chair, with an optional extension of three years. There is an option to extend for a further three years in exceptional circumstances if approved by the Board.”* (para 133).
- 2.2 The Business Board Constitution states that *“The term of office for private sector representatives will normally be a maximum of three (3) years, and subject to a maximum of one consecutive term”* (para 9.10).
- 2.3 Five private sector members have reached the end of their first 3-year term and are up for reappointment. These are Austen Adams (Chair), Andy Neely (Vice-Chair), Tina Barsby, Aamir Khalid, and Mark Dorsett, with all these members joining the Business Board in September 2018.
- 2.4 Four of the members have indicated in writing that they would like to serve again and continue to comply with the eligibility criteria for appointment. These are Austen Adams, Andy Neely, Tina Barsby, and Aamir Khalid. If re-elected by the board, the second term appointments for these private members would run until September 2024.
- 2.5 The fifth member, Mark Dorsett, has informed officers that he is retiring from Caterpillar, a local employer in Peterborough, and will not be employed by another firm in the area. As employment locally is an eligibility criterion for Board membership, Mark Dorsett will not be standing for reappointment.
- 2.6 The Business Board Constitution states that *“All private sector members of the Business Board act in their individual capacity and not as representatives of their respective organisations”* (para 7.2), and that *“Members should be employed by, or have a substantial interest (by virtue of ownership / control) in businesses in the area served by the Business Board”* (para 9.4).

Significant Implications

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 Provision for the continued remuneration of the Business Board is allowed for within the existing Combined Authority budget so there are no significant financial implications from this.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 Reappointments have been made in accordance with the Assurance Framework, which was reviewed in March 2021.

5. Other Significant Implications

- 5.1 None.

6. Appendices

- 6.1 None.

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 [Business Board September 2018 Minutes – Appointment of Members](#)

- 7.2 [National Assurance Framework](#)

- 7.3 [Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority Constitution](#)