

Cabinet

15 January 2014

Local Education Partnership Director



Report of Corporate Management Team

Don McLure, Corporate Director, Resources

Councillor Alan Napier, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Finance

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To request approval to appoint a new Director to represent Durham County Council on the Board of Inspiredspaces Durham Limited, who are the Council's Building Schools for the Future contractor.

Background

- 2 Inspiredspaces Durham Ltd was formed to deliver the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme in Durham. The Council is a minority shareholder in the company and appoints one of the six Directors on the Board of Directors.
- 3 The Council has a Strategic Partnering Agreement (SPA) with the company, which gives it exclusivity over secondary education projects above £100,000 in value over the 10 year contract period to 13 August 2019. This exclusivity survives the Government's cancellation of the national BSF programme in 2010. The OJEU notice used for BSF allows the company to provide a variety of building, ICT and education services for the Council without the need for further procurement.
- 4 The company has a share capital of £10,000, of which the Council's shareholding is £1,000. In addition, the Council has also contributed £57,000 of funding to a loan made by the company to the separate company set up to deliver the PFI contract for schools at Sedgefield and Shotton Hall.
- 5 The other shareholders are Carillion (80%) and International Public Partnerships (INPP) (10%). Carillion have four seats on the Board of Directors and INPP have one. The Board is chaired by an independent chairman – John Bridge.
- 6 Inspiredspaces has completed a number of BSF projects in Durham, and is currently delivering the projects at Consett Academy and Wellfield Community School.
- 7 Since signing the SPA the Council has been represented on the Board of Directors by David Shirer, a finance manager in the Resources Service Grouping. David's directorship has come to an end and, following agreement of the Corporate Directors for Resources and Regeneration and Economic Development, Adrian White, the Head of Transport & Contract Services in the

Regeneration and Economic Development Service Grouping has been identified as an appropriate officer to represent the Council on the Board of Directors.

- 8 The Council's Director on the Board does not receive any additional remuneration for this role and there are no financial implications. Should this appointment be agreed, Mr Shirer will submit his resignation to the company secretary and at the same time the company secretary will be notified of Mr White's appointment. The appointment is not time-limited.

Recommendations and Reasons

9 Cabinet is recommended:

- To approve the appointment of Mr Adrian White as Durham County Council's director on the Board of Inspiredspaces Durham Ltd.

Background Papers

None

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance – none – no additional remuneration is provided

Staffing – none – role is subsumed within existing role

Risk – if no director is appointed the Council has no say in the running of the company in which it is both a shareholder and the principal client

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty – none

Accommodation - none

Crime and Disorder - none

Human Rights - none

Consultation – none

Procurement - none

Disability Issues - none

Legal Implications - none