Subject: Representation on Outside Bodies

1. Purpose

1.1 To seek the Council's approval to make alterations to the lists of outside bodies and working groups that were approved by the Council at its meeting on 17 May 2012 and subsequent alterations that were approved by the Council on 28 June and 27 September 2012 and 27 June 2013.

2. Recommendation

2.1 It is recommended that the Council agrees:

(1) to note the resignation of Councillor Douglas Campbell as a Director of Access to Employment, Ayr and agree that this vacancy should not be filled at this time; and

(2) to nominate and approve the appointment of an Elected Member to serve on the Board of the Community Rail Partnership (CRP) for the Ayr to Stranraer Rail Line.

3. Background and Proposals

3.1 Access to Employment, Ayr

The Council meeting of 17 May 2012 approved the appointment of the undernoted Councillors to the Ayrshire Joint Steering Group:

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Councillor Douglas Campbell has now resigned as a Director of Access to Employment, Ayr. The Memorandum and Articles of Association have been checked and discussions have taken place with Lesley Ness from Access to Employment, and who has confirmed that there is no requirement nor desire to find another elected member to replace Councillor Campbell on the board.

3.2 Establishment of a Community Rail Partnership for the Ayr to Stranraer Rail Line

For the past two years, South Ayrshire Council has been working in partnership with Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT), SWestrans, Dumfries and Galloway Council and railway partners to further a proposal by Stranraer to Ayr Line Support Association (SAYLSA) to develop a Community Rail Partnership for the rail line between Ayr and Stranraer serving Ayr, Maybole, Girvan, Barrhill and Stranraer. This followed a draft submission by SAYLSA to become the CRP for the line.
A Pathfinder Group, chaired by Councillor Brian Collins of Dumfries and Galloway Council, was established to ensure that due process was followed in the establishment of the CRP. South Ayrshire Council acted as secretariat for the group. This process has now concluded with the proposed development of a Business Plan (Appendix 1) and a Governance Structure which satisfies the requirements for partnership working within the proposed CRP.

This process has enabled partners to sign up to the establishment of a Community Rail Partnership for the Ayr-Stranraer Line under the auspices of SAYLSA and with a governance structure involving communities, businesses, and elected representatives.

It is proposed that there will be up to 12 members on the Board. The Articles of Association allow both Dumfries and Galloway and this Council to nominate representation on the Board along with SPT, SWestrans and ScotRail. Each statutory authority will decide upon the nominee and the assumption is that these are elected Members and not officers.

The proposal has already been approved by SPT/ SWestrans and has been passed to Transport Scotland for consideration.

Council is requested to nominate and appoint a member to serve on the Board of the Community Rail Partnership for the Ayr-Stranraer Rail Line.

4. Resource Implications

4.1 Financial

Minimal costs for attending meetings, etc, can be met from existing budget. However, the annual Member subscriptions for Statutory Authorities would be £1,000 for the Community Rail Partnership and will be met from the existing transportation budget. This would be subject to annual review and agreed at the Annual General Meeting.

4.2 Legal

Not applicable.

4.3 Human Resources

Not applicable.

5. Risk

5.1 There are no associated risks.

6. Equalities

6.1 This report is not proposing new services, policies, strategies, or plans (or significant changes to or reviews of them). It does not propose decisions about budgets, including budget cuts or service reductions. This report therefore has not been assessed for equalities impacts.

7. Sustainable Development Implications

7.1 This report does not propose or seek approval for a plan, policy, programme or strategy or document otherwise described which could be considered to constitute a plan, programme, policy or strategy.

8. Options Appraisal

8.1 An options appraisal has not been carried out in relation to the subject matter of this report.
9.  **Link to Council Plan**

9. The proposals in this report contribute to the Council Plan strategic objectives: ‘Improve the way that we work as a Council’ and ‘Maximise the potential of our local economy’.

10. **Results of Consultation**

   (1) There has been no public consultation on the contents of this report.

   (2) Consultation has taken place with Councillor Bill McIntosh, Portfolio Holder for Corporate, Strategic and Community Planning, and Councillor John McDowall, Portfolio Holder for Sustainability and the Environment.

**Background Papers**

More information on Community Rail Partnerships (CRPs) in Scotland can be found here - [http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/rail/community-rail-partnerships](http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/rail/community-rail-partnerships)

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