



REPORT TO:	Leader of the Council
REPORT OF:	Assistant Director - Corporate
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SUBJECT:	Director Appointment – Public Sector Partnership Services Ltd
PURPOSE:	To consider a proposed change to an officer director appointment
KEY DECISION:	<i>N</i>
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	<i>N/A</i>
EXEMPT REPORT?	<i>N</i>

SUMMARY

Public Sector Partnership Services Ltd (“PSPS”) is a private company limited by shares and is jointly owned by South Holland District Council, East Lindsey District Council and Boston Borough Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the current senior officer appointment as Director to Public Sector Partnership Services Ltd for South Holland District Council (Richard Hodgson, Assistant Director – Strategic Projects) be replaced by Jason King, Assistant Director – Housing, from 1 February 2024

If this is agreed, it will then enable the requisite notice in writing be given to the Company for Richard Hodgson to resign from the Company Director post and for Jason King to be formally appointed as a new Director.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

To refresh the Board’s membership.

Richard Hodgson has been a PSPS Board Director since November 2020 and one of two board members for South Holland District Council. He was brought in during the covid pandemic chosen specifically to help the board with the proposed move to new accommodation at East Lindsey and with accommodation considerations as part of new ways of working following the outbreak of the pandemic.

Given PPS has now relocated to new accommodation at the Horncastle Hub and new ways of working have been embedded it is an opportune time to review and refresh the Director appointment.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Do nothing – the current officer director appointment would remain in place – not recommended.

Appoint a different officer director – not recommended.

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 Public Sector Partnership Services Ltd (“PSPS”) is a private company limited by shares and is jointly owned by South Holland District Council, East Lindsey District Council and Boston Borough Council. There are nine directors – three appointed by each of the councils. Article 11 of the Constitution deals with appointments – which may be a Chief Officer or Deputy Chief Officer.

2. REPORT

2.1 It is proposed that Jason King, Assistant Director - Housing, be appointed to the Board of Public Sector Partnership Services Ltd (the appointment to be by name rather than office) in place of Richard Hodgson, Assistant Director – Strategic Projects.

4. EXPECTED BENEFITS TO THE PARTNERSHIP

4.1 Good governance of the Council’s company.

5. IMPLICATIONS

5.1 CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1.1 Qualification for directorship is set out in law and in the articles of the relevant companies. The proposed appointee meets the requirements of Article 11 of the Council’s Constitution

5.1.2 In law, appointments to outside bodies (including the Council’s companies) can be made either by the Council or by the Leader/Cabinet. Under the Council’s revised constitution, it is clear that appointments to a company exercising executive functions is a Leader/Cabinet decision and appointments to a company exercising non-executive functions is a Council decision. As PSPS is exercising executive functions, this appointment is an executive function.

5.2 STAKEHOLDER / CONSULTATION / TIMESCALES

5.2.1 PSPS has already been briefed.

5.3 CONTRACTS

5.3.1 These are non-executive directorships, so no contractual implications arise.

6. ACRONYMS

6.1 PSPS – Public Sector Partnership Services Ltd

APPENDICES

None

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THIS REPORT

None

REPORT APPROVAL

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