
NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

27th March 2024

North Ayrshire Council

Title: North Ayrshire Ventures Trust Ltd

Purpose: To appoint a new director to the Board of North Ayrshire Ventures Trust Ltd

Recommendation: That the Council agrees to the appointment of David Hammond to the Board of North Ayrshire Ventures Trust Ltd

1. Executive Summary

1.1 The Articles of Association of North Ayrshire Ventures Trust (NAVt) stipulate that there will be four Appointed Directors who are appointed by North Ayrshire Council. Audrey Sutton will retire from the Council on 31st March 2024 and in consequence will resign as a Director of the NAVt Board on that day. Council needs to appoint a new Director to the Board to comply with the Articles of Association and it is proposed that David Hammond, who will take up post as Executive Director for Communities and Housing on 1st April 2024 is appointed to the role.

2. Background

2.1 The Articles of Association of North Ayrshire Ventures Trust (NAVt) stipulate that there will be a maximum of nine directors on the Board. The present directors are Alan Hill, Louise McPhater, Craig Hatton, Audrey Sutton being Appointed Directors and the co-opted Directors are Billy Kirkwood, Derek McCrindle, and Justin Jones.

2.2 Four directors are appointed by the Council and comprise 2 elected members and 2 officers. Co-opted directors are appointed by the Board and approved by the Council. Audrey Sutton will retire from the Council on 31st March 2024 and in consequence will resign as a director of the NAVt Board on that day. Council requires to appoint a new director to the Board and it is proposed that David Hammond, who will take up post as Executive Director for Communities and Housing on 1st April 2024 is appointed to the role.

3. Proposals

3.1 That Council appoints David Hammond as director of NAVt in terms of Article 51 of the NAVt Memorandum and Articles of Association and to authorise the Head of Democratic Services to write to the Board of Directors of NAVt confirming the appointment of David Hammond as director.

4. Implications/Socio-economic Duty

Financial

4.1 None arising from this report.

Human Resources

4.2 None arising from this report.

Legal

4.3 The appointment of a new director ensures compliance with the NAVT Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Equality/Socio-economic

4.4 None arising from this report.

Climate Change and Carbon

4.5 None arising from this report.

Key Priorities

- 4.6 The proposal accords with the Council's priorities of Communities and Local Democracy and Well-being in that NAVT is a charitable company with objectives to:
- relieve poverty among the residents of the area;
 - advance education among the residents particularly among the unemployed;
 - promote training in skills of all kinds, particularly those which will assist residents obtaining paid employment;
 - advance citizenship or community development in terms of Section 7(2)(f) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005;
 - promote other scheme of a charitable nature for the benefit of the residents of the Operating Area.

Community Wealth Building

4.7 None arising from this report.

5. Consultation

5.1 There are no consultations required.

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Background Papers

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