

**FALKIRK COUNCIL**

**Subject: APPOINTMENT TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS AND COMMITTEES**  
**Meeting: FALKIRK COUNCIL**  
**Date: 29 APRIL 2009**  
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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek nominations to the Scottish Enterprise East of Scotland Regional Advisory Board, the Helix Trust, the Twinning Association and also to invite Council to appoint a Depute Convener to the Appeals Committee.

**2. BACKGROUND**

**2.1 Scottish Enterprise East Regional Advisory Board**

Following a review of the Enterprise Networks by the Scottish Government a new structure was established for Scottish Enterprise in 2007. As part of the restructure 5 Regional Advisory Boards (RAB's) were to be established with a view to providing input from business and other key regional stakeholders to the new structure. The five RABs are:-

Aberdeen City and Shire; East of Scotland; South of Scotland; Tayside and West of Scotland.

The purpose of the Regional Advisory Boards is to engage senior business leaders to advise on, and influence regional priorities, to advise and consult across the public and private sectors, to provide an international perspective and give access to influential networks which in turn can influence regional priorities. The RABs will provide a vital link between national and regional activity. Each RAB consists of between 12 and 18 members including 3 elected members. The East of Scotland RAB will include three elected members from the seven Local Authorities in the Board area (City of Edinburgh, Falkirk, Clackmannanshire, Stirling, East Lothian, Midlothian and West Lothian Councils). In terms of the Board membership the City of Edinburgh Council has a permanent member on the Board with each of the other Local Authorities representatives rotating with staggered end dates to allow continuity of experience. Falkirk Council's representative will sit on the Board until 26 May 2010.

Scottish Enterprise has invited Council to nominate its representative to the East of Scotland Regional Advisory Board. In terms of the constitution of the RABs nominees are expected to be either the Leader of the Council or the Convener of the Economic Development Committee (or equivalent).

## **2.2 HELIX Trust**

The HELIX Trust is being created as a charitable company by Falkirk Council, British Waterways and Central Scotland Forest Trust to act as guardian of the ethos of the HELIX project and to set and maintain the strategic direction of the project. Founded on the principles of sustainable development, key activities will include; communicating the achievements of the project as it evolves, ensuring the effective engagement of local communities, both in the establishment of the HELIX and in its ongoing maintenance and development and creating a platform for environment-related opportunities for local businesses. The HELIX Trust will also be responsible for the delivery of the first capital phase of the HELIX project on behalf of the partners.

The Board of the HELIX Trust will comprise a maximum of 12 directors:-

Falkirk Council – 3 Directors  
British Waterways – 2 Directors  
Central Scotland Forest Trust – 1 Director  
HELIX Futures – 2 Directors  
plus 3 co-opted Directors  
1 independent Director/Chair

It is recommended that Council's representation is made up of two Members and one Officer.

## **2.3 Falkirk and District Twinning Association**

In May 2007 Council appointed Depute Provost Black and Councillor Buchanan to the Falkirk and District Twinning Association. Councillor Buchanan has now tendered his resignation from the Association. Council is invited to appoint a replacement.

## **2.4 Appeals Committee**

In May 2007 Council appointed Councillor McNeill as Convener of the Appeals Committee and Councillor McLuckie as Depute Convener. Council noted on 4 March 2009 Councillor McNeill's resignation from the post and appointed Councillor McLuckie as Convener. Council is now invited to appoint a replacement Depute Convener.

### **3. RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **3.1 Council is invited to appoint:-**

- (1) its representative on the Scottish Enterprise East Scotland Regional Advisory Board;**
- (2) 2 Members to the Helix Trust;**
- (3) a representative on the Falkirk and District Twinning Association; and**
- (4) the Depute Convener of the Appeals Committee.**

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#### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Nil.