



Blyth Town Deal Board 4th November 2020
Supplementary Paper - Governance

1.0 The Board is Recommended to

1. Agree to the amendments to Terms of Reference and Code of Conduct (as summarised below and attached in full for reference)
2. Ratify and appoint the nominees for vice chair as outlined below

2.0 Amendments to Terms of Reference (attachment 1)

We have received feedback from CLG since our last meeting on our governance documents and as such propose the following changes:

2.1 Transparency

In section 2.6 Confirm that all actions taken because of a declaration of interest will be minuted and therefore visible to all online. Amendment in red.

“Any conflicts of interest reported will be formally noted within the published minutes, as will actions taken as a consequence of the declaration (such as absenting the meeting and/or decision-making process)”

2.2 Decision Making

In section 6.6 Decision making, amend final point to bring Chair’s title in line with all other references across the documents. Amendment in red.

“The rulings of the Chair~~man~~ shall be final.”

2.3 Appendix 2 Board Membership

Amend list to identify Margaret Coates as an advisor to the board.

Update board membership list to identify only those who have registered their membership through the declaration of interest.

3.0 Amendments to Code of Conduct (attachment 2)

We have received feedback from CLG since our last meeting on our governance documents and as such propose the following changes:

3.1 - Part 4, section 16, d.

Amendment proposed in the light of ongoing online meetings. Remove 'room', replace with 'meeting'.
Amendment in red.

"Leave the ~~room~~meeting whilst the matter is being discussed."

4.0 Vice Chair Nominations

We are fortunate to have received two nominations to date for vice chair, to fill the vacancies for both public and private sector vice chairs.

4.1 Private Sector Vice Chair – Tony Quinn

In his role as Test & Validation Director at ORE Catapult, Tony leads a team of over 70 with a broad set of skills, ranging from technical apprentices to professional engineers who are experts in their chosen field. He is a strong advocate of the validation process which is equally important to small scale disruptive innovators as it is to OEM's in their quest to bring new products to market. Tony is equally passionate about the skills agenda and is actively involved in ensuring education providers are fully attuned to the new job opportunities presented by our transition to a low carbon economy. Tony has almost 40 years' experience in the field of power generation starting his career on the largest coal fired power station in Europe, witnessing first hand our conversion to gas fired combined cycle plant and more recently earning his renewables credentials by overseeing the Catapult's investment in the world's largest wind turbine test facilities. Tony is a Fellow of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers and is Chair of its Renewable Power Committee. He sits on the steering group for Energy Central with the aim of regenerating the area in and around the Port of Blyth. He is also a Trustee of a local charity helping provide relevant skills to those not currently in education or employment. As an Enterprise Adviser he works closely with a local secondary school ensuring that as far as possible every student is provided a meaningful careers engagement with a local employer.

4.2 Public Sector Vice Chair – Cllr Richard Wearmouth

Richard is Cabinet member for Tourism and the Economy at Northumberland County Council and also chair of the council's Regeneration Company Advance Northumberland. As part of his role, amongst a variety of other initiatives Richard has worked with NCC/Advance Northumberland teams to ensure the rapid progress of the project to bring back passenger rail services to Blyth as part of the "Northumberland Line;" the development of the "Energy Central" brand that covers the Blyth Estuary; and helped develop the bid for Blyth's Future Highstreet proposals and the Town Deal. Outside his role as an elected Councillor, Richard has a wealth of experience in town and county planning and environmental science, particularly in the field of power and energy, a sector in which he has worked for the best part of two decades.

Any further nominations should be received by the Chair by midday 3rd November latest.