Agenda Item 5

Partnership report



Proposed Update to Partnership Standing Orders

Date of meeting 17 March 2023

Date of report 13 February 2023

Report by Chief Executive / Partnership Secretary

1. Object of report

To recommend the Partnership approve the amendment to Standing Orders as previously presented, that embraces consideration of gender when making appointments to the roles of Partnership Office bearers.

2. Background

Partnership Order 9 stipulates that any recommendation to amend the Standing Orders must stand adjourned without discussion to the next meeting of the Partnership.

At the meeting of 16 December 2022, a proposed amendment to Partnership Standing Order 2.5.1 was submitted and approved to stand adjourned.

During this period of adjournment, further discussion and explanation has been held with one Partnership member. No further comments have been received.

3. Current proposals

It is recommended that the Partnership now approve the amendment to the Standing Orders, paragraph 2.5.1 which will now read as:

"The Partnership shall, mindful of the political, gender and geographic diversity of its membership, approve a Chairperson and such number of Deputy Chairpersons as it considers appropriate from amongst its members and, subject to Standing Order 2.5.2, the Chairperson and Deputy Chairpersons shall each hold office for a maximum period of five years, or for the period between elections, whichever is the greater."

4. Partnership action

The Partnership is recommended to approve the amendment to Standing Order 2.5.1 as outlined in paragraph 3.

5. Consequences

Policy consequences	Supports SPT's Equality Plan objectives/outcomes.
Legal consequences	None directly.
Financial consequences	None directly.
Personnel consequences	None directly.

Equalities consequences	Further supports SPT's Equality Plan outcomes and promotes diversity.
Risk consequences	None directly.
Climate Change, Adaptation & Carbon consequences	None directly.

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