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## **Appointments to outside bodies**

### **Purpose of report**

For consideration.

### **Summary**

The document attached at **Appendix A** details the outside bodies to which the Economy and Transport Board should appoint members. These appointments will be sent to the LGA Executive in October for endorsement.

This year, the Board has been invited to appoint to two new bodies; the National Institute of Adult Continuing Education (NIACE) and ELGIN (the trading name of Roadworks Information Limited). Further information on these organisations and on the role that LGA representatives are invited to take up is set out in this paper.

### **Recommendation**

Members are asked to consider appointments to outside bodies and agree with the Board's Lead Members.

### **Action**

As directed by members.

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### **Background**

1. The Economy and Transport Board appoints members to the LGA Rural Commission, the Bus Partnership Forum and the HS2 Environmental Forum.
2. For 2013/14, the Board has been invited to appoint a member to sit on National Institute of Adult Continuing Education (NIACE) and the Guardianship Committee of ELGIN (the trading name of Roadworks Information Limited).

### **NIACE**

3. The LGA has been represented on the NIACE Company Board by the Chair of the Children and Young People Board, however, with its remit in skills, it would be appropriate for the Economy and Transport Board to appoint a member to represent the LGA.
4. NIACE is a national non-governmental organisation for England and Wales, which represents the interests of adult learners and potential learners, as well as providers of such learning. NIACE works for the promotion, study and general advancement of adult continuing education. With particular emphasis on those who have missed out on opportunities or who are under-represented in learning, NIACE's work aims to secure more opportunities for adults to learn; extend learning to different adults; and promote better quality learning.
5. Working with a range of stakeholders, NIACE develops knowledge and understanding of adult learning in order to support and encourage better practice, better policy and the promotion of learning to individuals and employers.
6. The Economy and Transport Board is invited to appoint a representative to NIACE's Company Board, which has overall legal responsibility for all activities and operations of NIACE. All members of the Company Board are, by virtue of their position, Company Directors as defined by the Companies Acts and Charity Trustees as defined by the Charities Acts. By accepting the position on the Company Board members agree to take on the legal responsibilities of these roles.
7. The Company Board consists of a maximum of 15 members, six of whom (including the LGA representative) are elected and up to eight of whom can be co-opted, and are chosen to ensure a balance of skills, experience and diversity.
8. The Company Board is responsible for all NIACE governance and regulatory and accountable functions, including financial and legal matters. The Company Board can create standing committees with delegated authority to carry out work on its behalf.

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9. The LGA representative is also invited to be a member of one of NIACE's standing committees: the Audit Committee; Resources Committee; and the Policy and Strategy Committee.
10. The Company Board attend the Annual General Meeting held in October and there is a Members' Residential held in January each year to which all Board and Committee members are invited.
11. The next meeting of the Company Board is Thursday 26th September 2013 at 1.30pm – 4.00pm in Leicester.

**ELGIN**

12. The Economy and Transport Board has also been invited to appoint a member to ELGIN's Guardianship Committee.
13. ELGIN is the trading name of Roadworks Information Limited, a new company established in 2011 to promote the open publication of roadworks information. ELGIN is a private company, but operates with Government regulatory oversight under agreed Public Data Principles.
14. ELGIN aims to produce a national roadworks database paid for by the subscriptions of Highway Authorities. The database is called *roadworks.org* and seeks to achieve greater coordination through greater transparency in roadworks data. The ELGIN roadworks portal supports local authorities to meet their statutory requirement of publishing roadworks data in a consistent way so that it can be used nationally.
15. Currently ELGIN gathers, aggregates and publishes roadworks data from the public registers of over 140 public bodies. A further 60 private sector companies, including utility companies, are using the data gathered by ELGIN to plan their works.
16. The Guardianship Committee represents stakeholders in the public highways sector and aims to oversee ELGIN's custodianship of public sector roadworks data. Currently its membership consists of:
  - 16.1. Mike Ashworth, Traffic Manager Derbyshire & Chairperson of the National Traffic Managers Forum (proposed Chair).
  - 16.2. Keith Davenport, Traffic Manager Warwickshire and Chairperson of the ELGIN Users Group.
  - 16.3. Nick Illsley, Department for Transport and Chief Executive Traffic England.
17. The LGA representative of the Guardianship Committee, would take on a scrutiny role to ensure that ELGIN, as a private sector company and custodian of public sector roadworks data, adheres to Public Data Principles.

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18. The LGA representative's contribution would provide an insight into innovative practices of making data openly available which could act as an exemplar for other open data initiatives to support the sector in achieving transparency.
19. The group meets a minimum of once a year.
20. This appointment would link to the Economy and Transport Board's Streetworks campaign as well as work that the LGA is currently pursuing to develop a sector-led approach to data transparency, where the LGA is supporting authorities in opening up data and promoting the more meaningful use of open data so that they can be combined and compared.

**Recommendation**

21. Members are asked to consider the appointments to outside bodies as set out in **Appendix A**.
22. It is recommended that appointments be confirmed through the Economy and Transport Board Lead Members.