1. Summary

To agree an appointment to the Board of Northamptonshire Enterprise Limited (NEL).

2. Recommendations

That the Leader of the Council, Councillor B. Hoare, be appointed to the Board of Northamptonshire Enterprise Limited.

3. Report Background

3.1 For several years the Council has had observer status on the Board of NEL. The Leader of the Council has attended as the Council’s representative. Following discussions with NEL the Council has been offered immediate permanent full membership status on the Board.

3.2 Northamptonshire Enterprise is a partnership between the public, private and voluntary sectors. It’s purpose is to develop the Northamptonshire economy and support job creation and tourism in a key growth area. Apart from representatives from the private and voluntary sectors, the County Council, Kettering, Daventry, and East Northamptonshire Councils and the University of Northampton, amongst others, are Board Members.

3.3 It is proposed that the invitation to full membership status of the NEL Board should be accepted and that the Leader of the Council would normally fulfill this role.

4. Implications (including financial implications)
4.1 Resources and Risk

None
4.2 Legal
   None specifically

4.3 Other Implications
   Appointment as a full Board member of NEL would place the Council’s representation on an
   equal footing with the other Board Members and therefore enhance the Council’s ability to
   influence the work of the Company.

5. Background Papers
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