

KIRKLEES COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Annual Council																												
DATE: 21 May 2008																												
AREA COMMITTEE/WARDS AFFECTED: All																												
TITLE: Appointment of Members to Joint Authorities																												
IS THIS AN URGENT ACTION APPROVED BY THE CHAIR OF SCRUTINY: No																												
<p>WHAT ARE THE KEY POINTS:</p> <p>The Council is entitled to appoint four Members under the Local Government Act 1985 to each of the following Joint Authorities. The Members appointed at the last Annual Meeting of the Council were:-</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>LABOUR</th> <th>LIBERAL DEMOCRAT</th> <th>CONSERVATIVE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1. West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Councillors:</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>M Harkin M Khan</td> <td>G Beever</td> <td>R Light</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Authority</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Councillors:</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>P McBride D Sheard</td> <td>K Hussain</td> <td>T Brice</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>In making the appointments the Council is reminded of the provisions of Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989, which sets out the principles for ensuring that, so far as possible, the balance of political groups currently represented on the Council is reflected in the appointments made to these bodies.</p> <p>The following membership is proposed for 2008/2009</p> <p>West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority</p> <p>2 Conservative, 1 Labour and 1 Liberal Democrat</p> <p>West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Authority</p> <p>2 Conservative, 1 Labour and 1 Liberal Democrat</p>		LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	CONSERVATIVE	1. West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority				Councillors:					M Harkin M Khan	G Beever	R Light	2. West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Authority				Councillors:					P McBride D Sheard	K Hussain	T Brice
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3. West Yorkshire Police Authority

The nine Elected Members of the Police Authority are appointed by a Joint Committee made up of the five District Council Leaders or their representatives. The appointments have to reflect "the balance of parties for the time being prevailing among the Members of the relevant Councils taken as a whole." (Police Act 1996 - Schedule 2).

The Joint Committee will meet on 23 May 2008 following which the Council will be notified of the number of appointments to be made by Kirklees to the Police Authority and from which Political Group(s).

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. The Council is asked to agree the proposed allocation of seats between the Groups for the appointment of Members to the West Yorkshire Joint Authorities for the year 2008/2009 and to refer the matter to the Group Business Managers for nominations/appointments.
2. The Council is asked to note the information supplied in respect of the Police Authority, and to refer the available places, when known, to the Group Business Managers for nominations/appointments.

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Background Papers: None

9 May 2008