

**Name of meeting:** Annual Council

**Date:** 25 May 2011

**Title of report:** Appointment of Members to Joint Authorities

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| Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards? | No  |
| Is it in the <a href="#">Council's Forward Plan</a> ?   | No  |
| Is it eligible for "call in" by <a href="#">Scrutiny</a> ?  | No, as the Council is entitled to appoint to Joint Authorities under legislation. |
| Date signed off by <u>Director</u> & name   | 16 May 2011, David Smith, Director of Resources                                   |
| Is it signed off by the Director of Resources?  | No financial implications   |
| Is it signed off by the Acting Assistant Director - Legal & Governance?   | No legal implications   |
| Cabinet member <a href="#">portfolio</a>  | Not applicable  |

**Electoral [wards](#) affected:** All

**Ward councillors consulted:** Not applicable

**Public or private:** Public

## 1. Purpose of report

To approve proposed membership of Joint Authorities in 2011/12

## 2. Key points

The Council is entitled to appoint four Members under the Local Government Act 1985 to each of the following Joint Authorities. The Members currently appointed are:-

**LABOUR                      CONSERVATIVE                      LIBERAL DEMOCRAT**

(i) **West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority**

Councillors:

M Akhtar                      D Firth                      D Ridgway  
M Khan

(ii) **West Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority**

Councillors:

E Firth                      E Smaje                      A Pinnock  
G Lowe

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.

NB: Under a recent agreement by the five West Yorkshire Authorities the Transport portfolio holder must be included as one of the Council's nominees.

The following membership is proposed for 2011/2012

**West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority**

2 Labour, 1 Conservative and 1 Liberal Democrat

**West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Authority**

2 Labour, 1 Conservative and 1 Liberal Democrat

(iii) **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 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). It should be noted that, under the Police Authority (Community Engagement and Membership) Regulations 2010, Local Authorities are required to take into account, so far as reasonable practicable, that their nominees:-

- (i) need to represent the interests of a wide range of people in the community;
- (ii) should have skills, knowledge or experience which are under-represented among the existing members of the police authority;

- (iii) should promote diversity within the force and police authority;  
and,
- (iv) can commit sufficient time to take an effective role on the police authority.

#### **4. Consultees and their opinions**

Group Business Managers, who support the proposals.

#### **5. Next steps**

Following approval, the Joint Authorities will be notified of the appointed Members.

#### **6. Officer recommendations and reasons**

That, in order to fill places on the various Joint Authorities:

- (i) 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 2011/2012 and to refer the matter to the Group Business Managers for nominations/appointments.
- (ii) 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.

#### **7. Cabinet portfolio holder recommendation**

Not applicable.

#### **8. Contact officer and relevant papers**

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Background Papers: None

#### **9. Assistant director responsible**

Vanessa Redfern, Legal, Governance and Monitoring.

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