

Name of meeting: Annual Council

Date: 23 May 2012

Title of report: Appointment of Members to Joint Authorities

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 Council's Forward Plan ?	No
Is it eligible for "call in" by Scrutiny ?	No, as it is a Council decision to appoint to Joint Authorities.
Date signed off by Director & name	10 May 2012, 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 portfolio	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 2012/13.

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

Councillors:

J Hughes	D Hall	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.

The following membership is proposed for 2012/2013

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 reasonably 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 2012/2013 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, Acting Assistant Director, Legal, Governance and Monitoring.

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