

Name of meeting: Annual Council  
 Date: 22 May 2013

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 <a href="#">Council's Forward Plan</a> ?	No
Is it eligible for "call in" by <a href="#">Scrutiny</a> ?	No, as it is a Council decision to appoint to Joint Authorities
Date signed off by <u>Director</u> & name	10 May 2013, 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 2013/14.

**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:

J Hughes  
M Khan

L Holmes

C Burke

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

Councillors:

E Firth  
G Lowe

E Smaje

A Pinnock

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 2013/2014

**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 and Crime Panel**

The 12 Elected Members of the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel are drawn from the 5 district authorities. Under the current legislation appointments have to reflect the balance of parties for the time being prevailing among the Members of the relevant Councils taken as a whole.

Ordinarily, the West Yorkshire leaders would meet to agree on political proportionality across the region, but since there are no local elections in West Yorkshire this year there are no changes, so Kirklees has 2 Members, 1 Labour and 1 Conservative, currently Councillors K Smith and D Hall respectively.

**3. Consultees and their opinions**

Group Business Managers, who support the proposals.

**4. Next steps**

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

**5. Officer recommendations and reasons**

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

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 2013/2014 and to refer the matter, together with the 2 places on the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel, to the Group Business Managers for nominations/appointments, or otherwise determine the nomination/appointments at the meeting.

**6. Cabinet portfolio holder recommendation**

Not applicable

**7. Contact officer and relevant papers**

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Background Papers: None

**8. Assistant director responsible**

Vanessa Redfern, Acting Assistant Director, Legal Governance and Monitoring.

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