

Name of meeting: Annual Council

Date: 20 May 2015

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
Date signed off by <u>Director</u> & name	Director of Resources, David Smith
Is it signed off by the Director of Resources?	5.5.15
Is it signed off by the Acting Assistant Director - Legal & Governance?	12.5.15
Cabinet member portfolio	Not applicable

Electoral [wards](#) affected: All

Ward councillors consulted: Not applicable

Status of Report : Public

1. Purpose of report

To consider and determine the membership of Joint Authorities in 2015/2016.

2. Key points

West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority

The Council is entitled to appoint four Members under the Local Government Act 1985 to West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority.

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 appointment made to this body. Council is asked to delegate authority to Group Business Managers to determine the appointments in accordance with the applicable ratio following the 2015 Local Elections.

West Yorkshire Combined Authority

The Elected Members of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority are drawn from the five 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.

Council is asked to delegate authority to Group Business Managers to determine the appointments once the Authority has received notice from the Combined Authority of the number of places available.

West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel

The 12 Elected Members of the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel are drawn from the five 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.

Council is asked to delegate authority to Group Business Managers to determine the appointments once the Authority has received notice of the number of places available.

3. Implications for the Council

The Council's interests will be represented by the appointed Members.

4. Consultees and their opinions

Not applicable.

5. Next steps

Subject to approval, the relevant organisations will be informed of the appointments.

6. Officer recommendations and reasons

That, in order to fill places on (i) West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, (ii) West Yorkshire Combined Authority, and its Committees and (iii) West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel, Council is asked to refer the appointments to Group Business Managers for determination.

7. Contact officer and relevant papers

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