



Name of meeting: Annual Council

Date: 19 May 2021

Title of report: To determine the Appointment of Members to Joint Authorities for the 2021-22 Municipal Year

Purpose of report:

Key Decision - Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	Not applicable
Key Decision - Is it in the <u>Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports)?</u>	No
The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	No
Date signed off by <u>Strategic Director</u> & name Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance? Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning?	Not applicable Not applicable Julie Muscroft – 11 May 2021
Cabinet member portfolio	Not applicable

Electoral wards affected: Not applicable

Ward councillors consulted: Not applicable

Public or private: Public

Has GDPR been considered?

Yes – no individuals have been identified in this report.

1. Summary

To consider and determine the membership of Joint Authorities in 2021/2022.

2. Information required to take a decision

West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority

The Council is entitled to appoint four Members on a ratio of 2:1:1 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 the majority of the seats on this body are allocated to a particular political group if the number of persons belonging to that group is a majority of the authority's membership. Council is asked to delegate authority to Group Business Managers to determine the appointments in accordance with these principles.

West Yorkshire Combined Authority

The Elected Members of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) 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:

- (1) Appoint the Leader as Kirklees Council's Elected Member for the WYCA, with the Deputy Leader as the WYCA Substitute Member.
- (2) Delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with Group Leaders, WYCA's Managing Director and other West Yorkshire Chief Executives, to appoint 3 additional Members to WYCA and their substitutes, so that the 8 constituent council members taken as a whole reflect the balance of political parties for the time being among members of WYCA's constituent councils so far as reasonably practicable.
- (3) Delegate authority to Group Business Managers to nominate members to WYCA's Transport Committee (3 members) on a ratio of 2:1.
- (4) Delegate authority to Group Business Managers to nominate three members to each of the three WYCA Scrutiny Committees; Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee. (Any nominated member may act as a substitute for another member on any of the three committees).
- (5) Note that the West Yorkshire and York Investment Committee is no longer established and spending decisions will be made by the relevant thematic committee or the Finances, Resources and Corporate Committee.

(6) Note that the WYCA Member appointed by this Council (the Leader) will be appointed (in their capacity as WYCA Member), to WYCA's Leeds City Region Partnership Committee and delegate authority to the Chief Executive to appoint a Substitute Member.

(7) Delegate authority to the Chief Executive to nominate one member of the WYCA's Business Investment Panel.

(8) delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with Group Business Managers to:

- confirm any relevant Portfolio Holder to be appointed, or
- make any additional nomination

to any WYCA Committee or Panel, as requested by WYCA after this Council's annual meeting. Kirklees has 1 place (for the Portfolio Holder or most appropriate Member) on each of the five WYCA Committees:

- (i) Finance, Resources and Corporate Committee
- (ii) Business, Economy and Innovation Committee
- (iii) Climate, Energy and Environment Committee
- (iv) Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee
- (v) Employment and Skills Committee

Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Board

Council is asked to delegate authority to the Chief Executive to appoint a local authority representative and substitute to the LEP Board.

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, having regard to the need to reflect overall political balance.

Other Joint Authorities

Council is asked to delegate authority to Group Business Managers to determine the appointment of Elected Members/Representatives to the remaining Joint Authorities not otherwise set out in this report.

3. Implications for the Council

3.1 Working with People Not applicable

3.2 Working with Partners

Not applicable

3.3 Place Based Working

Not applicable

3.4 Climate Change and Air Quality

Not applicable

3.5 Improving outcomes for children

Not applicable

3.6 Other (eg Legal/Financial or Human Resources) Consultees and their opinions

Not applicable

4. Next steps and timelines

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

5. Officer recommendations and reasons

That;

- (1) In order to fill places on (i) West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, and its Committees and (ii) West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel, Council is asked to delegate authority to Group Business Managers for determination.
- (2) Council appoint the Leader as Kirklees Council's Elected Member for the WYCA, with the Deputy Leader as the WYCA Substitute Member.
- (3) Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with Group Leaders, WYCA's Managing Director and other West Yorkshire Chief Executives, to appoint the 3 additional Members to WYCA and their substitutes, so that the 8 constituent council members taken as a whole reflect the balance of political parties for the time being among members of WYCA's constituent councils, so far as reasonably practicable.
- (4) Council delegate authority to Group Business Managers to nominate members to WYCA's Transport Committee (3 members) on ration 2:1.
- (5) Council note that the WYCA Member appointed by this Council (the Leader) will be appointed (in their capacity as WYCA Member), to WYCA's Leeds City Region Partnership Committee and delegate authority to Chief Executive to appoint a substitute member.
- (6) Delegate authority to the Chief Executive to nominate one member of the WYCA's Business Investment Panel.

- (7) Council delegate authority to Group Business Managers to nominate three members to each of the three WYCA Scrutiny Committees; Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee. (Any nominated member may act as a substitute for another member on any of the three committees).
- (8) Council delegate authority to the Leader and Chief Executive, in consultation with Group Business Managers to:
- Confirm any relevant Portfolio Holder to be appointed, or
 - Make any additional nomination
- to any WYCA Committee or Panel, as requested by WYCA, after this Council's annual meeting.
- (9) Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive to appoint a local authority representative and substitute to the LEP Board.
- (10) Council delegate authority to Group Business Managers to determine the appointment of Elected Members/Representatives to the remaining Joint Authorities not otherwise set out in this report.

6. Cabinet Portfolio Holder's recommendations

Not applicable

7. Contact officer

Samantha Lawton, Head of Governance

8. Background Papers and History of Decisions

Not applicable

9. Service Director responsible

Julie Muscroft – Legal, Governance and Commissioning