



Name of meeting: Annual Council

Date: Wednesday 24 May 2023

Title of report: Appointment of Members to Joint Authorities

Purpose of report: To consider and determine the membership of Joint Authorities in 2023/2024.

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 – 16.5.23
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 2023/2024.

2. Information required to take a decision

West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority

The Council is entitled to appoint four Members, on a ratio of 3:1, 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 and to note that these members will also be automatically appointed to the WYCA Governance and Audit Committee and the WYCA Finance, Resources and Corporate Committee.
- (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, 4 members; 2 ordinary, 1 Transport Engagement Lead, 1 Transport Portfolio Holder.
- (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, as far as possible in accordance with the political balance of Kirklees Council. (Any nominated member may act as a substitute for another member, from the same party and district, on any of the three

committees. If any member does not have another member from the same party and district then they may nominate a named substitute).

(5) 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) Business, Economy and Innovation Committee
- (ii) Climate, Energy and Environment Committee
- (iii) Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee
- (iv) Employment and Skills Committee
- (v) Culture, Arts and Creative Industries 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.

Leeds City Region Partnership Committee

Council is asked to delegate authority to the Chief Executive to appoint a substitute to the LCR Partnership Committee.

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 **Financial implications for people living/working in Kirklees**
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) Council appoint the Leader as Kirklees Council's Elected Member for the WYCA, with the Deputy Leader as the WYCA Substitute Member and notes that these members will also be appointed to the WYCA Governance and Audit Committee and the WYCA Finance, Resources and Corporate Committee.
- (2) 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.
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the three committees. If any member does not have another member from the same party and district then they may nominate a named substitute).

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- (i) Business, Economy and Innovation Committee
- (ii) Climate, Energy and Environment Committee
- (iii) Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee
- (iv) Employment and Skills Committee
- (v) Culture, Arts and Creative Industries Committee

(6) Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive to appoint a local authority representative and substitute to the LEP Board.

(7) Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive to appoint a substitute to the Leeds City Region Partnership Committee.

(8) 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 delegate authority to Group Business Managers for determination.

(9) 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 – Service Director for Legal, Governance and Commissioning