

**REPORT TITLE: Appointment of Members to Joint Authorities**

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Annual Council</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>22 May 2024</b>
<b>Cabinet Member</b> (if applicable)	<b>Not applicable</b>
<b>Key Decision</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Eligible for Call In</b>	<b>No – Non Executive Decision</b>
<b>Purpose of Report - To consider and determine the membership of Joint Authorities in 2023/2024.</b>	
<p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p>(1) That Council appoint the Leader as Kirklees Council’s Elected Member for the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (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.</p> <p>(2) That 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.</p> <p>(3) That Council delegate authority to the Service Director – Legal, Governance and Commissioning, in consultation with the Group Business Managers, to nominate members to WYCA’s Transport Committee, 4 members; 2 Ordinary, 1 Transport Engagement Lead, 1 Transport Portfolio Holder.</p> <p>(4) That Council delegate authority to the Service Director – Legal, Governance and Commissioning, in consultation with Group Business Managers, to nominate Members and substitutes to the WYCA Scrutiny Committee(s).</p> <p>(5) That Council delegate authority to the Service Director – Legal, Governance and Commissioning, in consultation with Group Business Managers, to:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. confirm any relevant Portfolio Holder to be appointed, or</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b. make any additional/revised nominations</p> <p>to any WYCA Committee or Panel, as requested by WYCA after this Council’s annual meeting.</p> <p>Kirklees has 1 place (for the Portfolio Holder or most appropriate Member) on each of the five-WYCA Committees:</p>	

- (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, Heritage and Sports Committee

- (6) That Council delegate authority to the Service Director – Legal, Governance and Commissioning, in consultation with the Group Business Managers, to appoint a representative and substitute to the West Yorkshire Business Board (LEP)
- (7) That in order to fill places on (i) West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, and (ii) West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel, Council delegate authority to Group Business Managers for determination.
- (8) That 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.

**Reasons for Recommendations**

To enable the determination of the membership of Joint Authorities for the 2024/2025 Municipal Year.

**Resource Implications:** Not applicable

**Date signed off by Strategic Director & name**

**Rachel Spencer Henshall**  
N/A

**Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance?**

**Kevin Mulvaney**  
N/A

**Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning?**

**Julie Muscroft**  
10-5-24

**Electoral wards affected: Not applicable**

**Ward councillors consulted: Not applicable**

**Public or private: Public**

**Has GDPR been considered? There are no GDPR implications**

**1. Executive Summary**

To consider and determine the membership of Joint Authorities in 2024/2025.

## **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 approve the recommendations set out in this report.

### **West Yorkshire Business Board (LEP)**

Council is asked to delegate authority to the Service Director – Legal, Governance and Commissioning, in consultation with the Group Business Managers, to appoint a local authority representative and substitute to the West Yorkshire Business Board (LEP).

### **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 **Council Plan** – Not applicable

3.2 **Financial Implications** – Not applicable

3.3 **Legal Implications** - Not applicable

3.8 **Other (eg Risk, Integrated Impact Assessment or Human Resources)** – Not applicable

4. **Consultation** – Not applicable

5. **Engagement** – Not applicable

6. **Options**

6.1 **Options considered** – Not applicable

6.2 **Reasons for recommended option** - Not applicable

7. **Next steps and timelines**

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

8. **Contact officer**

Leigh Webb, Acting Head of Governance

9. **Background Papers and History of Decisions** – Not applicable

10. **Appendices** – Not applicable

11. **Service Director responsible**

Julie Muscroft – Service Director for Legal, Governance and Commissioning