

Appointment of Members to Joint Authorities

Meeting:	Annual Council
Date:	21 May 2025
Cabinet Member (if applicable)	Not applicable
Key Decision	No
Eligible for Call In	No – Non Executive Decision
Purpose of Report - To consider and determine the membership of Joint Authorities in 2025/2026.	
<p>Recommendations</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 (Monitoring Officer), 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 and note that WYCA will appoint to the two Deputy Chair roles.</p> <p>(4) That Council delegate authority to the Service Director – Legal, Governance and Commissioning (Monitoring Officer), in consultation with Group Business Managers, to nominate Members and substitutes to the WYCA Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>(5) That Council delegate authority to the Service Director – Legal, Governance and Commissioning (Monitoring Officer), in consultation with the relevant Group Business Manager, to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. confirm any relevant Portfolio Holder to be appointed, or b. make any additional/revised nominations <p>to any WYCA Committee or Panel, as requested by WYCA after this Council’s annual meeting.</p>	

Kirklees has 1 place (for the Portfolio Holder or most appropriate Member) on each of the four WYCA Committees:

- (i) Economy Committee
- (ii) Climate, Energy and Environment Committee
- (iii) Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee
- (iv) Culture, Heritage and Sports Committee

(6) That Council delegate authority to the Service Director – Legal, Governance and Commissioning (Monitoring Officer), in consultation with the Group Business Managers, to appoint a representative and substitute to the West Yorkshire Business Board (LEP – Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership)

(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 the Service Director – Legal, Governance and Commissioning (Monitoring Officer), in consultation with the Group Business Managers for determination.

(8) That Council delegate authority to Service Director – Legal, Governance and Commissioning (Monitoring Officer), in consultation with the 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 2025/2026 Municipal Year.

Resource Implications: Not applicable

Date signed off by Strategic Director & name

Rachel Spencer Henshall 6.5.25

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?

Samantha Lawton 6.5.25

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 2025/2026.

2. Information required to take a decision

West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority

The Council is entitled to appoint four Members, on a ratio of 1:1:1:1, 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 (formerly the LEP – Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership)

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

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 the Service Director – Legal, Governance and Commissioning (Monitoring Officer), in consultation with the 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 the Service Director – Legal, Governance and Commissioning (Monitoring Officer), in consultation with the 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**

Following approval, the relevant organisations will be informed of the appointments.
- 8. Contact officer**

Leigh Webb, Head of Governance
- 9. Background Papers and History of Decisions** – Not applicable
- 10. Appendices** – Not applicable
- 11. Service Director responsible**

Samantha Lawton – Service Director for Legal, Governance and Commissioning
(Monitoring Officer)