

Spokespersons of Joint Committees and External Bodies

Meeting:	Annual Council
Date:	20 May 2026
Cabinet Member (if applicable)	Not applicable
Key Decision	No
Eligible for Call In	No – Non-Executive Decision
Purpose of Report - To consider the appointment of spokespersons for Joint Committees/ External Bodies for the 2026/2027 Municipal Year.	
Recommendations <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That the nomination of spokespersons to reply to oral questions at meetings of Council, on behalf of Kirklees Active Leisure and West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel, be delegated to Group Business Managers for determination. 2) That it be noted that the Member appointed by Council to the West Yorkshire Combined Authority will be the spokesperson for that body and its Committees. 3) That it be noted that the spokespersons for the West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority and West Yorkshire Joint Services Committee will be notified by those bodies. 4) That it be noted that the appointed spokesperson for the West Yorkshire Adoption Joint Committee (One Adoption) will be the substantive representative. 	
Reasons for Recommendations To enable the determination of appointment of spokespersons for Joint Committees/External Bodies for the 2026/2027 Municipal Year.	
Resource Implications: Not applicable	
Date signed off by Executive Director & 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?	Rachel Spencer Henshall 6.5.26 Kevin Mulvaney N/A Samantha Lawton 6.5.26

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 the appointment of spokespersons for Joint Committees/External Bodies for the 2026/2027 Municipal Year.

2. Information required to take a decision

In accordance with Council Procedure Rules, at relevant meetings of Council, oral questions may be asked of Members appointed to the undermentioned Joint Committees/ External Bodies;

- Kirklees Active Leisure
- West Yorkshire Adoption Joint Committee (One Adoption)
- West Yorkshire Combined Authority (and its Committees)
- West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority
- West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel
- West Yorkshire Joint Services Committee

For this purpose, spokespersons are appointed to respond to questions on behalf of each body.

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

The appointed spokespersons will act as the organisations' representative in terms of

responding to questions at meetings of Council throughout the municipal year.

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)