

Report of the Assistant Director, Governance and ICT

Additional Appointments to Outside Bodies

Summary

1. At the Annual Council meeting on 23 May 2013 appointments were made to Committees, outside and partnership bodies together with appointments to Chairs and Vice-Chairs for the 2013/14 municipal year. However, since those appointments were made we have been advised that a membership change is required to one of the Outside Bodies and appointments and nominations have been requested to a new Authority.

Background

2. The first change relates to the:
 - **Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation (YPO)** – to appoint Councillor David Horton to replace Councillor Dafydd Williams, as one of the CYC representatives on the YPO.
3. The second relates to the new West Yorkshire Combined Authority. In May 2013, the Cabinet endorsed the final Scheme for a Combined Authority for the area of West Yorkshire. It was noted that the council of the City of York would be part of the joint-working arrangements as a “non-constituent council”.
4. The West Yorkshire Combined Authority would be made up of ten members, 8 elected Members from the five West Yorkshire Authorities and City of York Council and the Local Enterprise Partnership as 2 non-constituent (partner) members. Each West Yorkshire Authority would then appoint one elected member and the three remaining places would be used to achieve political balance.
5. At that time the Chief Executive was authorised, in consultation with the Council’s Legal team and Leader, to continue discussions and further work regarding legislative developments required for the city’s progression to becoming a full member of the Combined Authority.

6. Since that time the Combined Authority has now been formed and appointments and nominations have been requested from York to the following bodies:

West Yorkshire Combined Authority

To appoint the Leader, Cllr James Alexander on to the Authority

West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) - Investment Committee

To nominate for appointment by the WYCA, Cllr Dave Merrett as Cabinet Member for Transport, Planning & Sustainability and to note that the Leader will serve on this Committee directly appointed by the WYCA

West Yorkshire Combined Authority - Governance and Audit Committee

One Labour representative to be nominated

West Yorkshire Combined Authority - Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Three representatives to be nominated (two Labour, one Conservative)

7. This matter has been brought to the Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee for agreement as the first meeting of the WYCA is due to take place on 1 April 2014. The Member nominations for the four outstanding places will be reported at the Staffing and Urgency meeting.

Consultation

8. In accordance with the usual process for gathering nominations to available places, the relevant Group were consulted and provided with the necessary information.

Options

9. Options open to the Committee are to approve or not approve the appointments and nominations set out at paragraphs 2 and 6 of the report.

Council Plan 2011-15

10. Establishing an appropriate decision making and scrutiny structure, contributes to the Council delivering its core priorities set out in the Council Plan, effectively.

Implications

11. There are no known implications in relation to the following in terms of dealing with the specific matter before Members, namely to consider appointments to the YPO and Combined Authority and its Committees:
 - Financial
 - Human Resources (HR)
 - Equalities
 - Crime and Disorder
 - Property
 - Other

Legal Implications

12. There are no specific legal implications arising from this report as Combined Authority will have a separate legal identity from the Council and the other constituent authorities and will have separate statutory powers and duties.

Risk Management

13. In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy, there are no known risks associated with the recommendation in this report.

Recommendations

14. Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee is asked to consider and agree the appointments and nominations to the Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation and the West York Combined Authority and its Committee's for the remainder of the 2013/14 municipal year.

Reason: In order to make appropriate appointments to the Council's Committees and Outside Bodies for the current municipal year.

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Specialist Implications Officers

Not applicable

Wards Affected: Not applicable

All



For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers

None

Annexes

None