

**Report to:** West Yorkshire Combined Authority

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**Subject:** **Membership of the Combined Authority**

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## 1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To note the appointment of members and substitute members to the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (the Combined Authority) by the constituent councils (West Yorkshire councils) and the non-constituent council (the City of York Council).
- 1.2 To appoint the Leeds City Region Local Enterprise Partnership Combined Authority Member ("the LEP Member") and substitute LEP Member to the Combined Authority.
- 1.3 To grant voting rights to the member of the Combined Authority appointed by the non-constituent council (the City of York Council) and to the LEP Member, (and their substitutes).

## 2. Information

### Membership

- 2.1 The West Yorkshire Combined Authority Order 2014 (the 2014 Order) which established the Combined Authority provides that the Combined Authority shall comprise ten members in total. Of these, eight are appointed by the

constituent councils (West Yorkshire councils) and one by the non-constituent council (the City of York Council). The Order also provides for each council to appoint a substitute for the member of the Combined Authority it has appointed.

- 2.2 Appendix 1 to this report contains details of the appointments made by the constituent councils, and the non-constituent council.
- 2.3 The tenth member of the Combined Authority is the LEP Member, nominated by the LEP and appointed by the Combined Authority. The Combined Authority must also appoint a substitute LEP Member (also nominated by the LEP) to act in the absence of the LEP Member. At their meeting on 13 June 2018, the LEP nominated Roger Marsh to continue as the LEP Member, and Professor Bob Cryan as the substitute LEP Member.

#### Voting rights

- 2.4 The 2014 Order provides for the LEP Member and the member of the Combined Authority appointed by the non-constituent council (City of York Council) to be non-voting. However, the members of the Combined Authority appointed by constituent councils may resolve that this provision does not apply.
- 2.5 For the 2017/18 municipal year, the Combined Authority granted voting rights to both the LEP Member and the member appointed by the non-constituent council. These rights were exercisable at any Combined Authority meeting (including any committee or sub-committee to which those members are appointed) on any decision, subject to the following exceptions:
- budget and levy setting, and
  - the adoption of any implementation plans appended to the Single Transport Plan (now the West Yorkshire Transport Strategy 2040<sup>1</sup>) which relate specifically to the combined area (that is, West Yorkshire).
- 2.6 The Combined Authority is asked to consider and confirm any voting rights to be granted to the LEP Member, and to the member of the Combined Authority appointed by the non-constituent council (City of York Council) for 2018/19.
- 2.7 For the avoidance of doubt, it is also proposed that the Combined Authority resolve that the substitute LEP Member and the substitute member appointed by the non-constituent council (the City of York Council) may exercise these voting rights when acting in the absence of the person for whom they substitute.

### **3. Inclusive Growth Implications**

- 3.1 None.

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<sup>1</sup> The West Yorkshire Transport Strategy 2040 is the Combined Authority's statutory Local Transport Plan.

#### **4. Financial Implications**

4.1 None.

#### **5. Legal Implications**

5.1 The 2014 Order sets out membership arrangements for the Combined Authority, as outlined above.

5.2 The LEP Member and the member of the Combined Authority appointed by the non-constituent council (the City of York Council) are non-voting unless granted voting rights by the other members of the Combined Authority.

#### **6. Staffing Implications**

6.1 None.

#### **7. External Consultees**

7.1 None

#### **8. Recommendations**

8.1 That the Combined Authority resolves:-

8.1.1 To note the members of the Combined Authority and their substitutes appointed by the constituent councils and the non-constituent council (the City of York Council) as set out in the Appendix to this report.

8.1.2 To appoint:

- Roger Marsh as the LEP Member of the Combined Authority, and
- Bob Cryan as substitute LEP Member, to act in the absence of the LEP Member.

8.1.3 That the LEP Member and the member of the Combined Authority appointed by the non-constituent council (City of York Council) may vote at any meetings of the Combined Authority (including any committee or sub-committee to which those members are appointed) on any decision, subject to the following exceptions:-

- budget and levy setting; and
- the adoption of any implementation plans appended to the West Yorkshire Transport Strategy 2040 which relate specifically to the combined area (that is, West Yorkshire).

8.1.4 That the substitutes for the LEP Member and the member of the Combined Authority appointed by the non-constituent council (City of York Council) may exercise the voting rights granted to the LEP Member and the member of the Combined Authority appointed by the

non-constituent council (the City of York Council) when acting in the absence of their respective member.

**9. Background Documents**

9.1 None.

**10. Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Table of appointments