
Report to: Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership Board (LEP Board)

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Subject: **Nomination to the West Yorkshire Combined Authority and appointments to outside bodies**

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1. Purpose of this report

1.1 To ask the LEP Board to:

- nominate a member and substitute member to the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (“the Combined Authority”),
- nominate two private sector representatives to sit as non-voting members of the Combined Authority’s Transport Committee,
- nominate a member and substitute member to the Transport for the North (TfN) Partnership Board, and
- note the LEP’s nominated representative and alternate to the Strategic Oversight Board for the Northern Powerhouse Investment Fund Ltd.

2. Information

- 2.1 The West Yorkshire Combined Authority Order 2014 (“the 2014 Order”) provides that the Combined Authority shall appoint a member of the LEP nominated by the LEP to be a member of the Combined Authority, (“**the LEP Member**”). The Combined Authority must also appoint a substitute for the LEP Member, to act in their absence.
- 2.2 The Combined Authority also seeks nominations from the LEP for two private sector representatives to sit as non-voting members of the Combined Authority’s **Transport Committee**.
- 2.3 Item eight on this agenda addresses the nomination of private sector representatives to advisory panels of the Combined Authority which report to the LEP.

Transport for the North (TfN)

- 2.4 TfN seek a nomination each year for a representative from each of the 11 local enterprise partnerships within the TfN area to be appointed to the **TfN Partnership Board** at their annual meeting. The TfN annual meeting this year is on 31 July 2019. A substitute is also required. The practice to date is that TfN Board co-opts each LEP representative on the Partnership Board as a non-voting member of the TfN Board.

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- 2.5 Roger Marsh remains a nominated representative on the **Strategic Oversight Board**, as one of ten representatives of local enterprise partnerships. Ben Still, in his capacity as Chief Executive Officer of the LEP, is his alternate.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 None.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 The 2014 Order does not require the Combined Authority's LEP Member or their substitute to be a private sector representative. However, private sector representation secures direct private sector input into the Combined Authority membership.
- 4.2 The 2014 Order provides for the Combined Authority's LEP Member to be non-voting. However, members of the Combined Authority appointed by constituent councils of the Combined Authority may resolve that this provision does not apply.

5. Staffing Implications

- 5.1 None.

6. External Consultees

- 6.1 None.

7. Recommendations

- 7.1 That the LEP Board:
- i. Nominates Roger Marsh to be the LEP Member on the Combined Authority, and Professor Bob Cryan to be the substitute LEP Member on the Combined Authority.
 - ii. Nominates two private sector representatives to be non-voting members of the Combined Authority's Transport Committee.

- iii. Nominates Roger Marsh to be a member of TfN's Partnership Board to be re-appointed at the TfN annual meeting, and a substitute, noting that TfN practice is to co-opt the LEP's representative on the Partnership Board to the TfN Board.
- iv. Notes that Roger Marsh as Chair of the LEP is a nominated representative to the Strategic Oversight Board for Northern Powerhouse Investment Fund Ltd, with Ben Still, Chief Executive Officer of the LEP as his alternate.

8. Background Documents

8.1 None.

9. Appendices

9.1 None.