

Report to: Transport Committee

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Subject: **Committee Arrangements**

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Are there implications for equality and diversity?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report updates the Transport Committee on proposals agreed by the Combined Authority at its meeting on 22 April, for changes to be made to its decision-making arrangements to better reflect the changed role and responsibilities of the Authority following the appointment of a Mayor for West Yorkshire.
- 1.2 The report outlines the changes by reference to the report to the Combined Authority and outlines next steps of relevance to the Transport Committee itself.

2. Information

Proposed Committee Arrangements

- 2.1 The report and appendices considered and agreed by the Combined Authority at its meeting on 22 April can be found via the link [here](#), under item 9 (MCA Committee Arrangements). The proposals can be most readily viewed by

reference to the diagram at Appendix 2 to the Combined Authority report and are intended to be implemented with effect from the Annual Meeting on 24 June. The proposals reflect a step change in the scope of the formal decision-making arrangements supporting the Combined Authority by increasing the number of decision-making committees each to be chaired by a portfolio lead Combined Authority member.

- 2.2 Members will note from the proposals that the Investment Committee is to be replaced by a Finance, Resources and Corporate Committee which is intended to have a wider remit. However, it is further intended that part of the current functions of Investment Committee will be delegated to the thematic decision-making committees, the detail of which is still being worked through.

Implications for the Transport Committee and the District Consultation Sub-committees

- 2.3 The Combined Authority report considers the future role of the Transport Committee and its sub-committees specifically at paragraphs 2.9 – 2.11 and 2.17. The report reflects a number of complexities that currently surround the transport agenda and the key role of the Transport Committee in this area. The recommendation in the report was, that against that context, any changes to the terms of reference or role of the Transport Committee necessitates a more considered period of review to ensure all associated implications can be effectively assessed. As the report highlights, there is an enhanced interrelationship with the new Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee which needs to be worked through and also potential consequential implications for the five district consultation sub-committees.
- 2.4 The Combined Authority accepted this proposal. Members did however ask for a draft timeline for the stages of the review to be developed to provide a level of certainty to the process whilst recognising that any substantive changes which may be agreed as a consequence of the review findings may not be implemented until the following municipal year 2022/23.
- 2.5 As such, it is intended that the current membership arrangements of the Transport Committee including the specific roles and responsibilities will remain as present when appointments are made at the Annual Meeting in June. The Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee will also be appointed, and membership agreed at the Annual Meeting, consistent with the two other overview and scrutiny committees to enable joint training etc. However, the work of this committee may need to be phased in to reflect the findings of the review. As members of a scrutiny committee are prohibited from scrutinising decisions with which they have been involved, the membership of the Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee will need to comprise a different membership to that of Transport Committee.

3. Tackling the Climate Emergency Implications

- 3.1 Tackling the Climate Emergency will remain a core objective of the Combined Authority and all committees will contribute towards this aim.

4. Inclusive Growth Implications

- 4.1 Inclusive growth will be mainstreamed as an objective for all committees to embed this aim fully in all areas of the Combined Authority's work.

5. Equality and Diversity Implications

- 5.1 There are no equality and diversity implications directly arising from this report.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no financial implications directly arising from this report.

7. Legal Implications

- 7.1 There are no legal implications directly arising from this report.

8. Staffing Implications

- 8.1 There are no staffing implications directly arising from this report.

9. External Consultees

- 9.1 No external consultations have been undertaken.

10. Recommendations

- 10.1 That members of the Committee note the proposals for changes to be made to the Combined Authority's committee arrangements and provide comment as appropriate.

11. Background Documents

None.

12. Appendices

None