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WEST YORKSHIRE COMBINED AUTHORITY TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

ROLE PROFILE: CHAIR

Role occupied by Combined Authority Portfolio Lead for Transport.

Purpose

The main purpose of the Chair is to:

- Chair and manage the business of the Transport Committee in accordance with its Terms of Reference, the Constitution of the Combined Authority and with the Members Code of Conduct and with the highest standards of legal and ethical behaviour and probity.
- To ensure that meetings are effectively and inclusively conducted in line with the agreed agenda.
- Ensure an effective link between the Combined Authority and Transport Committee, as the Combined Authority's Transport Portfolio Holder.
- Together with the relevant Local Enterprise Board member, act as a link between Transport Committee and the activity of Transport for the North, where relevant.

Key duties and responsibilities

The main duties and responsibilities of the Chair are to:

- Lead the work of the Committee and ensure it carries out its business effectively and efficiently within its terms of reference and in liaison with other Members and Officers.
- Maintain a strong working relationship with the Mayor and Deputy Chair on transport matters.
- Maintain effective working relationships with Officers of the Combined Authority including attendance at meetings outside the cycle of Transport Committee.
- Liaise with Officers and the Deputy Chair in setting the agenda for meetings of the Committee
- Chair meetings of the Committee impartially and in such a way as to facilitate open discussion and fair and respectful debate.
- Oversee in conjunction with Officers that the meeting is quorate.
- Ensure that the meeting commences at the specified time, that it proceeds in a focused and timely manner without undue delay or disruption and is closed appropriately at the conclusion of the formal meeting business.
- Welcome Members and Officers to meetings and in the case of unfamiliarity make any appropriate introductions of meeting participants.
- Request and receive apologies for absence and nominations of alternative Members.
- Request and receive any declarations of interest of Members.
- Sign the minutes of the previous meeting following approval by the Committee.

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- Follow the Chair's Note where provided and introduce each agenda item and ask appropriate Officers to present the submitted report or comment otherwise on the item.
- Invite Members to speak on items where they have indicated that they wish to do so and encourage equal participation and contribution from all Members.
- Ensure clarity and understanding amongst Members and summarise any discussion held on an item of business, in particular where the issue is complex.
- Ensure, following the discussion on any item, that the Committee is aware of any recommendations of Officers.
- Promote where possible the generation of consensus amongst Members.
- Exercise control over Members acting inappropriately or in a disorderly manner and if necessary, putting forward a motion to remove them from the meeting.
- Warn and if necessary, take the appropriate action to exclude unruly Members of the public.
- Call for the adjournment of meetings if circumstances require and to make the required arrangements for the resumption of proceedings ensuring that all Members are aware of such arrangements.
- Monitor the outcome of Committee decisions and any follow up action points.

Key skills and knowledge

Key skills and knowledge required of the Chair are:

- Good leadership skills.
- Chairing skills including the ability to manage conflict and promote consensus.
- Good listening and questioning skills.
- Good presentation and public speaking skills.
- The ability to build effective relationships within and outside the Combined Authority.
- Knowledge of the Combined Authority Constitution, Members Code of Conduct and Terms of Reference of the Transport Committee.

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ROLE PROFILE: DEPUTY CHAIR

Two roles.

This role profile is in addition to the Ordinary Member role profile, as appropriate.

On an annual basis a thematic role for each Deputy Chair will be agreed, and the duties and responsibilities listed below shared as appropriate, with the objective of securing a balanced and manageable workload for each.

Purpose

The main purpose of the Deputy Chairs is to:

- Support the leadership role of the Mayor on local transport matters in West Yorkshire, with a particular focus on the Combined Authority's transport related delivery roles.
- Support the leadership role of the Chair and Combined Authority Portfolio Lead for Transport, including to facilitate effective decision making on transport matters through consensus building across partners in West Yorkshire.
- Act as a member lead for the Combined Authority's day-to-day relationships with transport operators and other key partner organisations as relevant.

Key duties and responsibilities

The main duties and responsibilities of the Deputy Chairs are to:

- Correspond regularly with the Transport Engagement Leads and Transport Portfolio Holders to maintain a good working knowledge of local transport matters across West Yorkshire, as relevant.
- Maintain a close and effective relationship with the Mayor in respect of local transport matters to actively support the Mayor's transport role, including to facilitate consensus building on transport objectives and priorities across West Yorkshire.
- On behalf of the Mayor and Combined Authority Portfolio Lead for Transport, develop, maintain, and lead strong working relationships with transport providers and partner organisations. This will include attendance at and offering political input into multi-operator meetings with a West Yorkshire focus, including from time-to-time chairing these sessions at the request of the Mayor or Combined Authority Portfolio Lead for Transport. At present these meetings include:
 - West Yorkshire Bus Alliance
 - Bus Expert Panel
 - Train Operators' Forum
 - Rail Expert Panel
 - West Yorkshire Strategic Rail Partnership
- Attending and leading political input to transport related forums and working groups as might exist from time to time, including regular contact with Combined Authority Officers. At present this includes:
 - Decarbonisation and Emissions Working Group
 - Active Travel Working Group
 - Local Bus Working Group

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- Mass Transit Working Group
 - TransPennine Route Upgrade Working Group
- Act as Chair of the Transport Committee when the Chair is unavailable.
- Together with the Chair, liaise with Officers to influence the agenda of Transport Committee meetings.
- In advance of meetings, establish personal familiarity with and understanding of matters and documents to be considered by Transport Committee.

Key skills and knowledge

Key skills and knowledge required of the Deputy Chairs are:

- Excellent leadership skills.
- The ability to identify challenges and to build consensus amongst partners to secure effective decision-making.
- Specific knowledge and understanding of the different transport roles and functions of the Mayor, Combined Authority, and the Constituent Councils.

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ROLE PROFILE: TRANSPORT ENGAGEMENT LEAD

Five roles, one per Constituent Council area.

This role profile is in addition to the Ordinary Member role profile, as appropriate.

Purpose

The main purpose of the Transport Engagement Lead is to:

- Act as a representative of the Combined Authority and the Mayor on local transport matters in the respective Constituent Council area.
- Act as a local engagement lead on local transport matters in the respective Constituent Council area, to ensure local engagement in the Combined Authority's transport activity.
- Facilitate effective joint working between the Combined Authority and the respective Constituent Council on transport matters, in partnership with the respective Portfolio Holder.

Key duties and responsibilities

The main duties and responsibilities of the Transport Engagement Lead are to:

- Attend meetings of the West Yorkshire Transport Committee.
- Maintain effective working relationships with Officers of the Combined Authority including attendance at meetings outside the cycle of Transport Committee.
- Hold and lead a minimum of two regular open local transport forums in the respective Constituency Council area to secure engagement in the local transport activity of the Combined Authority, including amongst local elected representatives, respective members of the Transport Scrutiny Committee and other local stakeholders and community groups.
- Report back to Transport Committee a summary of the main finding of local transport forums.
- Correspond regularly with the Deputy Chair to ensure that the Deputy Chair maintains a good working knowledge of local transport matters across West Yorkshire.
- Maintain an effective working relationship with the respective Portfolio Holder for the Constituent Council.

Key skills and knowledge

Key skills and knowledge required of the Transport Engagement Lead are:

- Good leadership skills.
- Good listening and questioning skills.
- The ability to build effective relationships within and outside the Combined Authority.
- Knowledge of the Combined Authority Constitution, Members Code of Conduct and Terms of Reference of the Transport Committee.

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ROLE PROFILE: ORDINARY MEMBER

10 roles.

Purpose

The main purpose of Ordinary Members is to:

- Ensure that the business of the Transport Committee is informed by the broad range of transport issues, opportunities, and challenges across West Yorkshire.
- Secure broad engagement in the transport activity of the Combined Authority, including the fostering of joint working with the Combined Authority's Constituent Councils.
- Ensure effective transport policies and programmes are developed to meet the identified transport needs and agreed objectives for West Yorkshire.

It is not the purpose of Ordinary Members to review or scrutinise the transport activity of the Combined Authority; this role is undertaken by members of the Transport Scrutiny Committee.

Key duties and responsibilities

The main duties and responsibilities of Ordinary Members are to:

- Attend meetings of the West Yorkshire Transport Committee.
- Though active contributions to the Transport Committee's business, ensure that a range of relevant interests are being addressed by the Transport Committee.
- Maintain effective working relationships with Officers of the Combined Authority as necessary, including occasional participation in meetings and workshops to inform transport policymaking.
- Attend Member working groups that may be established on specific topics from time-to-time.
- Participate in the respective local transport forum activity managed by the Transport Engagement Lead.

Key skills and knowledge

Key skills and knowledge required of the Ordinary Members are:

- Good listening and questioning skills.
- The ability to build effective relationships within and outside the Combined Authority.
- Knowledge of the Combined Authority Constitution, Members Code of Conduct and Terms of Reference of the Transport Committee.

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ROLE PROFILE: CONSTITUENT COUNCIL TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO HOLDER

Five roles, one per Constituent Council.

Purpose

The main purpose of the Constituent Council Transport Portfolio Holder is to:

- Act as a representative of the respective Constituent Council at West Yorkshire Transport Committee.
- Facilitate effective joint working between the Combined Authority and the respective Constituent Council on transport matters, in partnership with the respective Transport Engagement Lead.

Key duties and responsibilities

The main duties and responsibilities of the Constituent Council Transport Portfolio Holder are to:

- Attend meetings of the West Yorkshire Transport Committee.
- Through contributions to the Transport Committee's business, ensure that opportunities are realised for co-ordination of the transport activity of the Combined Authority and respective Constituent Authority.
- Correspond regularly with the Deputy Chairs to ensure that the Deputy Chairs maintain a good working knowledge of local transport matters across West Yorkshire.
- Maintain effective working relationships with Officers of the Combined Authority including attendance at meetings outside the cycle of Transport Committee.
- Maintain an effective working relationship with the respective Transport Engagement Lead for the Constituent Council area.
- Attend as required any local transport forums organised by the respective Transport Engagement Lead.

Key skills and knowledge

Key skills and knowledge required of the Constituent Council Transport Portfolio Holder are:

- Good leadership skills.
- Good listening and questioning skills.
- The ability to build effective relationships within and outside the Combined Authority.
- Knowledge of the Combined Authority Constitution, Members Code of Conduct and Terms of Reference of the Transport Committee.

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ROLE PROFILE: CITY OF YORK TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO HOLDER

One role.

Purpose

The main purpose of the City of York Transport Portfolio Holder is to:

- Act as a representative of the City of York at West Yorkshire Transport Committee.
- Facilitate effective joint working between the Combined Authority and the City of York on transport matters.

Key duties and responsibilities

The main duties and responsibilities of the City of York Transport Portfolio Holder are to:

- Attend meetings of the West Yorkshire Transport Committee.
- Though contributions to the Transport Committee's business, ensure that opportunities are realised for co-ordination of the transport activity of the Combined Authority and the City of York, as necessary.
- Correspond regularly with the Deputy Chairs to ensure that the Deputy Chairs maintain a good working knowledge of local transport matters in the City of York, as necessary.
- Maintain effective working relationships with Officers of the Combined Authority including attendance at meetings outside the cycle of Transport Committee, as necessary.

Key skills and knowledge

Key skills and knowledge required of the City of York Transport Portfolio Holder are:

- Good leadership skills.
- Good listening and questioning skills.
- The ability to build effective relationships within and outside the Combined Authority.
- Knowledge of the Combined Authority Constitution, Members Code of Conduct and Terms of Reference of the Transport Committee.

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ROLE PROFILE: LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEMBER

Two roles. One of the two members will hold voting rights.

Purpose

The main purpose of the Local Enterprise Partnership Board Members is to:

- Act as a representative of the Local Enterprise Partnership Board at the Transport Committee.
- Ensure that the interests of the private sector are represented in the business of the Transport Committee.

One of the Local Enterprise Partnership Board Members will have a particular regard to:

- Ensure that the needs of the private sector are considered as part of strategic transport policy matters.
- Secure a link between the Transport Committee and Transport for the North Board, also being the Local Enterprise Partnership's nomination to that body.

One of the Local Enterprise Partnership Board Members will have a particular regard to

- Ensure the needs of the private sector are being considered as part of the operation and priorities for the local transport network.

Key duties and responsibilities

The main duties and responsibilities of the Local Enterprise Partnership Board Members are to:

- Attend and contribute to meetings of the West Yorkshire Transport Committee.
- Correspond with the Deputy Chairs to ensure that the Deputy Chairs maintain a good working knowledge of local transport matters of importance to the private sector across West Yorkshire.
- Maintain effective working relationships with Officers of the Combined Authority.

Key skills and knowledge

Key skills and knowledge required of the Local Enterprise Partnership Board Members are:

- Good listening and questioning skills.
- The ability to build effective relationships within and outside the Combined Authority.
- Knowledge of the Combined Authority Constitution, Members Code of Conduct and Terms of Reference of the Transport Committee.