
Report to: Business, Economy, and Innovation Committee

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Subject: **Governance 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 To advise the Business, Economy, and Innovation Committee of the governance arrangements approved by the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (the Combined Authority) at the Annual Meeting on 22 June 2023 in respect of the committee.

2. Information

- 2.1 At the Annual Meeting on 22 June 2023 the Combined Authority resolved to appoint the Business, Economy, and Innovation Committee on the **terms of reference** attached at **Appendix 1** to this report.
- 2.2 The **quorum** of the Committee is 3 voting members to include 2 Combined Authority members or Local Authority co-optees.
- 2.3 The Combined Authority also appointed Councillor Shabir Pandor as Chair of the Committee. The Deputy Chair position is ordinarily held by a LEP Board member but is currently vacant. However, a recruitment exercise is underway for LEP Board members following which it is anticipated one or more appointments will be made onto this Committee.

2.4. A table showing the Committee's membership is attached as **Appendix 2**, the table also sets out the voting arrangements across the different sectors of membership.

2.5 The Combined Authority also agreed meeting dates for the Committee, as follows:

- 26 July 2023
- 1 November 2023
- 31 January 2024
- 12 March 2024

3. Tackling the Climate Emergency Implications

3.1 The terms of reference require this, and all committees, to promote tackling the climate emergency implications in its actions.

4. Inclusive Growth Implications

4.1 The terms of reference require this, and all committees, to promote inclusive growth in its actions.

5. Equality and Diversity Implications

5.1 The terms of reference require this, and all other committees, to consider equality and diversity in its actions and decision making.

5.2 The diversity of the committee will be kept under review and steps will be taken, in future recruitment campaigns, to ensure as far as possible that the membership is representative of the population we serve.

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 the Business, Economy, and Innovation Committee notes the governance arrangements approved by the Combined Authority at the Annual Meeting on 22 June 2023.

11. Background Documents

- 11.1 There are no background documents referenced in this report.

12. Appendices

Appendix 1: Terms of Reference for the Business, Economy, and Innovation Committee

Appendix 2: Membership Table