

Report to: West Yorkshire Combined Authority

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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 note a change in the CA member and substitute member appointed by Kirklees Council.
- 1.2 To approve changes in nominations to committees and to chair and deputy chairing arrangements.
- 1.3 To note changes to appointments to committees made under officer delegation.

2. Information

- 2.1 Following the resignation in July of the Leader of Kirklees Council and consequential cabinet changes, the Council have provided notification of changes to their appointments and nominations to the Combined Authority and its committees as detailed below. Bradford Council have also provided notice of a change of nomination to the Transport Committee.

Combined Authority member and substitute member

- 2.2 Kirklees Council have provided formal notification of the following change to their CA member and substitute member:

Member	Cllr Cathy Scott (replacing Cllr Shabir Pandor)
Substitute	Cllr Paul Davies (replacing Cllr Cathy Scott)

- 2.3 As a consequence of the above change, the Combined Authority are asked to appoint Cllr Cathy Scott to replace Cllr Pandor on the Governance and Audit Committee and on the Finance, Resources & Corporate Committee.

Deputy Chair of Transport Committee

- 2.4 There are currently two Transport Committee Deputy Chairs, one a member of Kirklees Council (Cllr Manisha Kaushik) and the other from Leeds City Council. The role of the Deputy Chair is to support the Mayor and Chair of Transport Committee on defined thematic areas; responsibilities to include attending/leading relevant industry engagement groups, member working groups and forums as appropriate.
- 2.5 The allocation and appointment of the Deputy Chairs is a decision reserved for the Mayor and Combined Authority members in joint consultation. Following Leadership and Cabinet changes at Kirklees, notification was received by the Council that they wished to terminate the nomination of Cllr Manisha Kaushik to the Transport Committee and replace her with Cllr Eric Firth, with a request that Cllr Firth also take up the position as Deputy Chair.

The Combined Authority are asked to consider and approve the requested change.

Change of member – Economy Scrutiny Committee

- 2.6 Subject to the Combined Authority's approval to the change in Transport Committee Deputy Chair detailed above, Kirklees Council request that Cllr Manisha Kaushik replace Cllr Gwen Lowe on Economy Scrutiny Committee

The Combined Authority are asked to consider and approve the requested change.

Kirklees Transport Portfolio Holder

- 2.7 Further to the Cabinet changes at Kirklees Council, notification has been provided of a change of Transport Portfolio Holder. The Combined Authority are asked to appoint Cllr Masood Ahmed to replace Cllr Eric Firth as Transport Portfolio Holder on the Transport Committee.

Appointment of chairs to thematic committees

- 2.8 Following changes to portfolio holder responsibilities, the following changes to committee chairing arrangements are proposed:
- Cllr James Lewis to take up the position of Chair of the Business, Economy & Innovation Committee (replacing Cllr Shabir Pandor)

- Cllr Cathy Scott to take up the position of Chair of the Employment and Skills Committee (replacing Cllr James Lewis)

Appointments to Committees

- 2.9 In between the ordinary cycle of committee meetings, Kirklees Council and Bradford Council have provided notice of changes to their committee nominations. The Combined Authority are asked to note that the changes set out below have been approved by the Deputy Director of Legal, Governance & Compliance under delegation conferred on them by the Combined Authority to facilitate changes to nominations in between the ordinary cycle of meetings and enable the timely continuation of business.

Committee	Nomination
Business, Economy & Innovation Committee	Graham Turner (Kirklees) to replace Eric Firth
Culture, Heritage & Sport Committee	Yusra Hussain (Kirklees) to replace Naheed Mather
Place, Regeneration & Housing Committee	Masood Ahmed (Kirklees) to replace Cathy Scott
Transport Committee	Mohsin Hussain (Bradford) to replace Chris Hayden

3. Tackling the Climate Emergency Implications

- 3.1 There are no climate emergency implications directly arising from this report.

4. Inclusive Growth Implications

- 4.1 All members are expected to promote the cause of inclusive growth.

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 Notification of the proposed changes to membership detailed in this report have been provided pursuant to the requirements of the WYCA Order 2014 as amended by the WYCA Order 2021.

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 Combined Authority note the change in appointment of Kirklees CA member and substitute as set out in paragraph 2.2 above.
- 10.2 The Combined Authority are asked to appoint Cllr Cathy Scott to replace Cllr Pandor on the Governance and Audit Committee and on the Finance, Resources & Corporate Committee as set out in paragraph 2.3 above.
- 10.3 That the Combined Authority appoint Councillor Eric Firth as Deputy Chair of the Transport Committee in place of Cllr Manisha Kaushik as detailed in paragraphs 2.4 – 2.5 above.
- 10.4 That the Combined Authority appoint Cllr Manisha Kaushik to the Economy Scrutiny Committee replacing Cllr Gwen Lowe as set out in paragraph 2.6 above.
- 10.5 That the Combined Authority appoint Cllr Masood Ahmed to replace Cllr Eric Firth as Kirklees Transport Portfolio Holder on the Transport Committee as set out in paragraph 2.7 above.
- 10.6 That, following changes to portfolio holder responsibilities, the Combined Authority appoint Cllr James Lewis as Chair of the Business, Economy & Innovation Committee and Cllr Cathy Scott as Chair of the Employment and Skills Committee as set out in paragraph 2.8 above.
- 10.7 That the Combined Authority note the changes to appointment of members to committees approved under delegation and set out in paragraph 2.9 above.

11. Background Documents

There are no background documents referenced in this report.

12. Appendices

None.