

Report to: West Yorkshire Combined Authority

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Subject: **Committee Governance**

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1. Purpose of this Report

- 1.1 To consider a recommendation to appoint an advisory (non-voting) representative of the NHS West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board onto the Climate, Energy & Environment Committee.
- 1.2 To consider membership of the Finance, Resources & Corporate Committee.
- 1.3 To approve a change in nomination from Calderdale Council to the Economy Scrutiny Committee.

2. Information

NHS Advisory Representation – Climate, Energy & Environment Committee

- 2.1 The Combined Authority currently appoints several non-voting advisory representatives to its thematic decision-making committees to draw in specific areas of expertise and knowledge. The Chair, Lead Director and officers supporting the Climate, Energy & Environment Committee have considered the benefits of inviting a representative from the NHS to join the Committee.
- 2.2 The NHS is a significant source, both directly and indirectly, of emissions in West Yorkshire. As such the reduction of NHS related emissions will have a large bearing on whether West Yorkshire is able to meet its net zero target.

- 2.3 To date the NHS has only previously been represented on the Climate, Energy & Environment Committee through NHS Digital. However, there has been an absence of representation from NHS Digital since 2022.
- 2.4 Relationships between the Combined Authority and NHS have been strengthened through the [signing of a Partnership Agreement](#) between the Combined Authority and NHS West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB). The Partnership Agreement sets out both organisations' shared commitment to working together on the factors that affect population health – fair economic growth, climate, and tackling inequality and commits both organisations to collectively mitigate the health impacts of the climate emergency and to maximise the regional contribution to tackling climate change.
- 2.5 In tandem with signing up to the Partnership Agreement, the Combined Authority approved the appointment of a member of the NHS WY Integrated Care Board to the Combined Authority's Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee. This reflects the overlap between the NGS, ICB and Combined Authority's work in this area. It is proposed that a similar arrangement be implemented for the Climate, Energy & Environment Committee to strengthen our partnership working.
- 2.6 The involvement of the NHS / ICB would be twofold:
- To provide an overview of activity being undertaken by the NHS to address the climate change and to understand any synergies between its work and that of the Combined Authority; and
 - To ensure the health implications of activity overseen by the Committee are fully considered.
- 2.7 It is therefore recommended that the Combined Authority approve the appointment of a non-voting advisory representative of the NHS to the Climate, Energy & Environment Committee.

Finance, Resources & Corporate Committee membership

- 2.8 The remit of the Finance, Resources & Corporate Committee is to carry out functions relating to matters of finance, corporate and resourcing including advising the Combined Authority on the budget, setting the levy, and oversight of the Leeds City Region Assurance Framework. The membership of the Committee currently comprises the Mayor, the local authority appointed Combined Authority members and a LEP member.
- 2.9 Prior to standing down at the end of his term of office in June 2022, the former LEP Chair attended the Finance, Resources & Corporate Committee providing valuable financial and business expertise and advice. Since that time, the Committee has been without a member with such experience and knowledge.
- 2.10 The Combined Authority are therefore asked to consider the co-option of an independent member to the Committee with experience and expertise in

matters of corporate and financial performance and controls to provide valuable check and challenge to the Committee.

- 2.11 It is appropriate to consider remuneration for the role in line with remuneration paid to the independent members of the Governance & Audit Committee. In recognition of the time commitment required to attend meetings, read and research papers, and provide expert knowledge and advice to the Committee it is recommended that remuneration be set at £1,000 per annum (at a rate of £250 per day for 4 days work).
- 2.12 If the Combined Authority agree to the proposal, open recruitment will commence with a view to bringing a paper back to the Combined Authority in December with a recommendation for appointment. The timeline would enable appointment in time for the successful candidate to attend the January 2024 meeting of the Finance, Resources & Corporate Committee.

Calderdale Council – change in nomination to Economy Scrutiny Committee

- 2.13 Calderdale Council have provided formal notification of a change in nomination which the Combined Authority are asked to approve as follows:
- Councillor Peter Caffrey to replace Councillor John Ford on the Economy Scrutiny Committee.

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 There are no inclusive growth implications directly arising from this report.

5. Equality and Diversity Implications

- 5.1 Recruitment to all roles is undertaken in an open and transparent way in line with the principles of the Combined Authority's Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Plan.

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 Combined Authority appoint a representative of the NHS West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board as a non-voting advisory representative to the Climate, Energy and Environment Committee.

10.2 That the Combined Authority consider the co-option of an independent member with appropriate financial expertise to the Finance, Resources & Corporate Committee and agree the level of remuneration for the role.

10.3 That, subject to agreement of recommendation 10.2 above, an open recruitment campaign be commenced with a view to bringing back a recommendation for appointment to the Combined Authority meeting in December.

10.4 That the Combined Authority approve the appointment of Councillor Peter Caffrey to the Economy Scrutiny Committee replacing Councillor John Ford as set out in paragraph 2.13 above.

11. Background Documents

There are no background documents referenced in this report.

12. Appendices

None.