



Report to:	Finance, Resources, and Corporate Committee
Date:	2 November 2023
Subject:	Recruitment of Independent Member
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Is this a key decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for call-in by Scrutiny?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information or appendices?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, state paragraph number of Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972, Part 1:	
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 the decision taken by the Combined Authority on 12 October 2023 to recruit an independent member to the Finance, Resources & Corporate Committee.

2. Information

- 2.1 The remit of the Finance, Resources and 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 West Yorkshire Assurance Framework. The membership of the Committee currently comprises the Mayor, the local authority appointed Combined Authority members and a LEP member.
- 2.2 Prior to standing down at the end of his term of office in June 2022, the former LEP Chair attended the Finance, Resources and Corporate Committee providing valuable financial and business expertise and advice. Since that time, the Committee has not had the benefit of an independent member with appropriate experience and knowledge.
- 2.3 At its meeting on 12 October, the Combined Authority considered and approved a proposal to recruit and co-opt 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. The Combined Authority also approved



an appropriate level of remuneration for the role and agreed that recruitment should commence immediately.

2.4 The Committee are asked to note that open recruitment to the role is now underway with a view to presenting a paper back to the Combined Authority on 7 December with a recommendation for appointment. The timeline would enable an appointment to be made in time for the successful candidate to attend the January 2024 meeting of the Finance, Resources & Corporate Committee.

2.5 The advert for the role is attached at **Appendix 1**.

2.6 Consideration will also be given to which of the Combined Authority's committees the new Mayoral Business Adviser will be a member of.

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 within the Combined Authority 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 The appropriate remuneration for the independent member will be £1,000 per annum (at a rate of £250 per day for 4 days work).

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 Finance, Resources & Corporate Committee note the decision of the Combined Authority to recruit an independent member to the Committee and the proposed timeline for recruitment.

11. Background Documents

There are no background documents referenced in this report.

12. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Advert