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1. Purpose

- 1.1 To note a change to the City of York Council's appointment to WYCA.
- 1.2 To approve the appointment of private sector and advisory co-optees onto WYCA's Advisory Panels and to appoint the Chair of the Employment & Skills Panel and the Green Economy Panel.
- 1.3 To approve the appointment of local authority co-optees on the Business Innovation & Growth Panel and the Employment & Skills Panel following receipt of revised nominations.
- 1.4 To approve a change in membership of WYCA's Governance and Audit Committee
- 1.5 To note that the Director of Policy, Strategy and Communications is leaving WYCA at the end of the calendar year and to approve the appointment of an interim Director.

2. Information

Appointment to WYCA

- 2.1 On 2 October 2017, the City of York Council notified WYCA's Monitoring Officer that they wished to terminate the appointment of Councillor Keith Aspden as the Council's WYCA representative and to appoint Councillor Andrew Waller as his replacement. The appointment of Councillor Waller took effect from 9 October 2017.

Advisory Panel Appointments – Private Sector/Advisory Members

- 2.2 On 29 June, WYCA gave approval to the former LEP Panels becoming advisory committees of WYCA (referred to as advisory panels) with effect from 1 September and the existing membership of the panels was rolled over to the new arrangements. Subsequently, a number of long standing private sector members advised that commitments elsewhere meant that they would be stepping down from their roles. Furthermore, activity to transition the panels to committees identified various sector shortages that it was felt should be addressed as WYCA continues to develop its Local Inclusive Industrial Strategy. It was therefore considered an opportune time to carry out a full refresh of the private sector membership of the advisory panels.
- 2.3 A recruitment exercise was undertaken over the summer to attract new private sector members to WYCA's advisory panels and shortlisted candidates were invited to attend interviews with the Appointments Panel which consisted of the LEP Chair, Deputy LEP Chair, a private sector LEP Board member and a WYCA officer.
- 2.4 **Appendix 1** sets out details of those members retiring from office and the proposed new appointments together with recommendations for chair appointments consequential on the resultant vacancies of the chairs of the Employment & Skills Panel and the Green Economy Panel.
- 2.5 It is also proposed to introduce private sector representation onto the Land and Assets Panel, by the appointment of two private sector representatives, Amir Hussain (of Yeme Architects) who has also been appointed as a new member of the LEP Board and Andrew Latchmore (Shulmans).
- 2.6 Further appointments will be proposed at the next WYCA meeting on 1 February, as the interview process has not yet concluded. Proposals for appointments to the Business Investment Panel, (a sub-committee of the Investment Committee), will be considered by that committee in January.

Advisory Panel Appointments – Local Authority Members

- 2.7 On 16 August, Wakefield Council notified the Authority of their wish to make the following change on the Business Innovation & Growth Panel:
- Councillor Darren Byford to replace Councillor David Jones.
- 2.8 On 24 November, North Yorkshire County Council notified the Authority of their wish to make the following change on the Employment & Skills Panel:
- Councillor Patrick Mulligan to replace Councillor Cliff Lunn

Governance and Audit Committee

- 2.9 It is proposed that Councillor Hinchcliffe replace Councillor Sheard on the Governance and Audit Committee.

Officer Appointments

- 2.10 The Director of Policy, Strategy and Communications is leaving WYCA at the end of the calendar year. A process for an internal interim replacement has been undertaken and a nomination will be made to the Authority at the meeting on the 14th.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1. None.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 The membership of the Governance & Audit Committee has to (by Order) reflect the balance of political parties among members of constituent councils, so far as reasonably practicable.

5. Staffing Implications

- 5.1 As set out in the report.

6. Consultees

- 6.1 None.

7. Recommendations

- 7.1 That WYCA notes the termination of the City of York Council's appointment of Councillor Keith Aspden and the appointment of Councillor Andrew Waller.
- 7.2 That WYCA co-opts members to the Advisory Panels as set out in Appendix 1 attached, and to the Land and Assets Panel, as set out in paragraph 2.9 of this report.
- 7.3 That WYCA appoints the Chair of the Employment & Skills Panel and the Green Economy Panel as set out in Appendix 1 attached.
- 7.4 That WYCA notes Wakefield Council's revised nomination to the Business Innovation & Growth Panel and co-opts Councillor Darren Byford onto the panel in place of Councillor David Jones.
- 7.5 That WYCA notes North Yorkshire County Council's revised nomination to the

Employment & Skills Panel and co-opts Councillor Patrick Mulligan onto the panel in place of Councillor Cliff Lunn.

- 7.6 That WYCA replaces Councillor Sheard with Councillor Hinchcliffe on the Governance and Audit Committee.
- 7.7 That WYCA notes that the Director of Policy, Strategy and Communications is leaving WYCA at the end of the calendar year.
- 7.8 That WYCA approves the appointment of an interim Director.

8. Background Documents

- 8.1 None.