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1. Purpose

- 1.1 To note a change in WYCA substitutes.
- 1.2 To approve the appointment of a local authority co-optee on the Business Innovation & Growth Panel following receipt of a revised nomination.
- 1.3 To approve the appointment of a private sector co-optee on the Business Innovation & Growth Panel.
- 1.4 To appoint to:
 - the Transport for the North (TfN) Shadow Board
 - TfN when established as a statutory body
 - TfN's Scrutiny Committee

2. Information

WYCA Substitute Members

- 2.1 On 16 December 2017, Cllr Robert Light, on behalf of the West Yorkshire Conservative Group Leaders, notified WYCA of a change in WYCA substitute members as follows:
 - Cllr Scott Benton (Calderdale Council) to replace Cllr Nadeem Ahmed (Wakefield Council) as substitute WYCA member for Cllr Andrew Carter (Leeds Council).
 - Cllr John Pennington (Bradford Council) to fill the vacant position of substitute WYCA member for Cllr Simon Cooke (Bradford).

Business Innovation & Growth Panel Appointment – Local Authority Membership

- 2.2 On 1 January 2018, North Yorkshire County Council notified the Authority of their wish to make the following change on the Business Innovation & Growth Panel:

- Cllr Andrew Lee to replace Cllr Patrick Mulligan

Business Innovation & Growth Panel Appointment – Private Sector Membership

- 2.3 A recruitment exercise was undertaken earlier last year to enhance private sector membership of the Advisory Panels and to fill existing vacancies. That process was undertaken with regard to the LEP Board's Equality and Diversity Policy and as part of a wider campaign specifically utilised digital channels and networks intended to target underrepresented groups. The Authority approved a schedule of new appointments at its meeting on 14 December 2017. It was reported that the interview process had not concluded at that time and that any further appointments would need to be considered at WYCA's February meeting.
- 2.4 **Appendix 1** attached details a recommendation for the appointment of an additional private sector member to the Business Innovation & Growth Panel. It also references the change in North Yorkshire County Council's representative as set out in paragraph 2.2 above.

Appointment to TfN Shadow Board

- 2.5 As a constituent authority of TfN, WYCA have a number of appointments to make, pending TfN being established as a statutory body in April 2018.
- 2.6 TfN have asked WYCA to confirm WYCA's appointment to the TfN Shadow Board, scheduled to meet in February 2018. The Shadow Board will be reviewing governance documents to be adopted in due course by TfN at its first meeting in April as a statutory body. It is therefore anticipated that WYCA's representative on the Shadow Board should continue as WYCA's appointment to TfN from April. A substitute is also required.
- 2.7 WYCA is required to appoint WYCA's TfN Member and substitute, to act when TfN is established as a statutory body.
- 2.8 WYCA is also required to appoint WYCA's representative and substitute to TfN's Scrutiny Committee.
- 2.9 It is understood that the current arrangements for the TfN Partnership Board and Rail North Ltd will continue until TfN is formally established, with WYCA represented by those appointed at the 2017 annual meeting.

3. Financial Implications

3.1. None.

4. Legal Implications

4.1 The WYCA Order provides for Constituent Councils and the Non-Constituent Council to appoint a substitute for each WYCA Member.

4.2 WYCA is required by the regulations establishing TfN to make the appointments set out in paragraphs 2.7, 2.8 and 2.9 above to TfN.

5. Staffing Implications

5.1 As set out in the report.

6. Consultees

6.1 None.

7. Recommendations

7.1 That WYCA notes the change in Conservative WYCA substitute members.

7.2 That WYCA co-opts members to the Business Innovation & Growth Panel as set out in Appendix 1 attached.

7.3 That WYCA appoints Cllr Judith Blake to the TfN Shadow Board, and Cllr Keith Wakefield as the substitute TfN Shadow Board member.

7.4 That WYCA appoints Cllr Judith Blake as TfN member, and Cllr Keith Wakefield as the substitute TfN member.

7.5 That WYCA appoints Cllr Eric Firth to the TfN's Scrutiny Committee, and Cllr Barry Collins as the substitute member.

8. Background Documents

8.1 None.

9. Appendices

9.1 Appendix 1 – Schedule of Membership Changes