

## Report of Head of Governance Services

### Report to Chief Executive

**Date: 24<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

### **Subject: Appointments to the West Yorkshire Combined Authority**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

## **1 Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to approve the appointment of a further Member and substitute Member from Leeds City Council to the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA).

## **2 Main Issues**

- 2.1 The Annual Meeting appointed Councillor Judith Blake as this Council's Member of the WYCA along with Council James Lewis as Councillor Blake's nominated substitute. The Annual Meeting also nominated various Leeds City Council Councillors to committee positions on the WYCA.
- 2.2 In order to reflect the political balance across the West Yorkshire area the WYCA order allows, subject to there being political consensus, for an additional three Councillors to be appointed to the WYCA from constituent West Yorkshire authorities. Group Leaders have now concluded their discussions and a consensus has emerged for an additional two Members to be appointed from the Conservative Group within the district and an additional single Member from the Liberal Democrat Group.

- 2.3 To facilitate these appointments being made, a request was made by the WYCA for the various annual meetings of West Yorkshire councils to delegate authority to Chief Executives, in consultation with the Group Leaders from authorities comprising the West Yorkshire Combined Authority, to make the appointment of the 3 additional Members to the WYCA and their substitutes. This delegation was granted by the
- 2.4 This report seeks the Chief Executive from Leeds City Council to note the wishes of the Conservative and Liberal Democrat Groups in West Yorkshire as follows:

**WYCA Member Conservative Group**

Councillor Andrew Carter (Leeds)  
Councillor Stephen Baines (Calderdale)

**Substitute**

Councillor Simon Cooke (Bradford) for Councillor Andrew Carter (Leeds)  
Councillor Nadeem Ahmed (Wakefield) for Councillor Stephen Baines (Calderdale)

**WYCA Member Liberal Democrat Group**

Councillor Jeanette Sunderland (Bradford)

**Substitute**

Councillor Stewart Golton (Leeds) for Councillor Jeanette Sunderland (Bradford)

- 2.5 This report also seeks the Chief Executive's formal approval for:
- Councillor Andrew Carter to be appointed to the West Yorkshire Combined Authority
  - Councillor Stewart Golton to be appointed to the West Yorkshire Combined Authority as a substitute member for Councillor Jeanette Sunderland from Bradford Metropolitan District Council

**4 Corporate Considerations**

**4.1 Consultation and Engagement**

- 4.1.1 The nominations for the appointments have been identified in consultation with the Group Leaders from authorities comprising the West Yorkshire Combined Authority

## **4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration**

- 4.2.1 There are no specific implications regarding equality, diversity, cohesion and integration arising from this report.

## **4.3 Council policies and City Priorities**

- 4.3.1 Fully operational and quorate West Yorkshire Combined Authority meetings are in line with the Council's Policies and City Priorities.

## **4.4 Resources and value for money**

- 4.4.1 There are no specific implications regarding resources and value for money arising from this report.

## **4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

- 4.5.1 The delegated decision relating to this report is not subject to Call In, as it falls within the City Solicitors Council (non-executive) delegated authority. It is therefore a 'Council' Function'.

## **4.6 Risk Management**

- 4.6.2 Making the appointments to the West Yorkshire Combined Authority will help ensure that those meetings scheduled between the Annual Council Meeting and the next ordinary meeting of Council can proceed with adequate and appropriate membership levels.

## **5 Conclusions**

- 5.1 It is appropriate that the appointments referred to in the report be made as soon as possible in order that Committees, Boards and Panels have the appropriate Membership as early as possible in the Municipal Year.

## **6 Recommendations**

- 6.1 That the Chief Executive notes the wishes of the Conservative and Liberal Democrat Groups in West Yorkshire as follows:

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Councillor Andrew Carter (Leeds)  
Councillor Stephen Baines (Calderdale)

### **Substitute**

Councillor Simon Cooke (Bradford) for Councillor Andrew Carter (Leeds)  
Councillor Nadeem Ahmed (Wakefield) for Councillor Stephen Baines (Calderdale)

### **WYCA Member Liberal Democrat Group**

Councillor Jeanette Sunderland (Bradford)

## **Substitute**

Councillor Stewart Golton (Leeds) for Councillor Jeanette Sunderland (Bradford)

And;

6.2 Confirms the appointment of:

- Councillor Andrew Carter to the West Yorkshire Combined Authority
- Councillor Stewart Golton to the West Yorkshire Combined Authority as a substitute member for Councillor Jeanette Sunderland from Bradford Metropolitan District Council

## **7 Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

7.1 None.

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available for inspection on request for a period of four years following the date of the relevant meeting. Accordingly this list does not include documents containing exempt or confidential information, or any published works. Requests to inspect any background documents should be submitted to the report author.