

## **NORTH AND WEST YORKSHIRE BUSINESS RATES POOL JOINT COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The North and West Yorkshire Business Rates Pool Joint Committee is authorised to:

- Allocate any excess income arising from levy payments that would otherwise have to be paid by member authorities to the Secretary of State in accordance with the North and West Yorkshire Business Rates Pool governance agreement;
- Determine any changes to the purposes for which any such excess income should be applied, subject to the principle that no authority should receive less than they would if not a member of the 50%% Retention Pool;
- Determine the expenses to be deducted by the lead authority administering the Pool;
- Consider any applications for other authorities to join the Pool;
- Determine any variations to the membership of the Joint Committee; and
- Determine any other matters relating to the administration and governance of the Pool including replacement of the lead authority.

The Joint Committee will elect a chairperson.

The Joint Committee will meet as and when required but no less than twice each year.

The quorum for meetings of the Joint Committee will be no less than 5 members. Members will be able to nominate substitutes either from their own authority or from a different member authority that is not a “representative” listed in the Governance Agreement.

Member voting rights will be one vote for each member of the Joint Committee. Voting will be by simple majority. In the event of a tie, the chair of the meeting will have a casting vote.

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