

Appointments

Date: 13th November 2024

Report of: City Solicitor

Report to: Council

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

Brief summary

This report updates Council on a recent review of committee place allocations following a recent by-election and an appointment to a West Yorkshire Combined Authority Committee (Economy Committee).

Recommendations

- a) To approve the appointments set out in the report at paragraphs 2 and 3.
- b) To note the appointment of Councillor Martin to the West Yorkshire Combined Authority Economy Committee.

What is this report about?

- 1 Following a recent by-election and at the request of a group on Council a review of Committee allocations has taken place, resulting in an increased entitlement to the Green Group.
- 2 Following consultation with the Green Group they wish to fill their new committee allocations as follows and Council are asked to agree the appointments;
 - Councillor Blackburn to be appointed to City Plans Panel.
 - Councillor Blackburn to be appointed to Adults & Health Scrutiny Board
 - Councillor Stables to be appointed to Development Plan Panel
 - Councillor M Ali to be appointed to Infrastructure, Investment & Inclusive Growth Scrutiny Board
- 3 In addition the Green Group wish to replace Councillor Carlisle with Councillor Blackburn on Scrutiny Board Strategy & Resources, Council are asked to approve this appointment.
- 4 This report also updates Council on a recent change of appointment to the West Yorkshire Combined Authority Economy Committee.
- 5 At the Combined Authority meeting on 19 September, those members approved proposals to merge the WYCA Business, Economy & Innovation Committee with the WYCA Employment & Skills Committee creating a single new committee named the WYCA Economy Committee.
- 6 The Council had previously appointed Councillor Lisa Martin to both the Business, Economy & Innovation Committee and the Employment & Skills Committee.
- 7 The Combined Authority sought nominations for a member to serve on the Economy Committee and that nomination was required by 20th October 2024.
- 8 At the Annual Meeting in May Council delegated authority to the Chief Executive to provide additional nominations, or to revise existing nominations, as required by WYCA.
- 9 Following consultation with the relevant whip a decision was taken to appoint Councillor Lisa Martin to the WYCA – Economy Committee.
- 10 The proposal is for the Council to note the recent appointment to the West Yorkshire Combined Authority Economy Committee
 - Cllr Martin appointed to the WYCA Economy Committee

What impact will this proposal have?

- 11 It will ensure that meetings held during that period could proceed with adequate and appropriate membership levels and the Council has appropriate representation on external bodies.

How does this proposal impact the three pillars of the Best City Ambition?

Health and Wellbeing

Inclusive Growth

Zero Carbon

- 12 Fully operational and quorate Committees, Boards and Panels and representation on external bodies are in line with the Council's Policies and the priorities.

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

Wards affected:

Have ward members been consulted? Yes No

13 Consultation has taken place with the relevant group(s) on the Council.

What are the resource implications?

14 There are no specific resource implications associated with this report.

What are the key risks and how are they being managed?

15 The key risks would have been lack of representation on external organisations and incomplete representation on local Committees, Boards and Panels. The risk is being managed by the appointment(s) in this report.

What are the legal implications?

16 There are no specific legal implications associated with this report.

Options, timescales and measuring success

What other options were considered?

17 The deadline was such that if the appointment had not been made Leeds would have missed the deadline for appointing to the new Committee and the Committee would not have had a full or appropriate membership.

How will success be measured?

18 Not applicable.

What is the timetable and who will be responsible for implementation?

19 The implementation of the decision would be immediately after the decision is made.

Appendices

- None

Background papers

- None