



Northumberland County Council

County Council

Wednesday, 1 May 2024

Nominations to Outside Bodies

Report of: Dr. Helen Paterson, Chief Executive

1. **Link to Key Priorities of the Corporate Plan**

2. The report links to all of the priorities in the 2023-26 Corporate Plan by establishing representation on external bodies to enable the discharge of business relating to the non-executive functions of the Council in accordance with the corporate priorities.

3. **Purpose of report**

To agree Council's nominations to outside bodies.

4. **Recommendations**

4.1 That:-

4.2 Council agree its nominations to the bodies detailed in the appendix at the end of the report; and

4.3 Council note the positions on the North of Tyne Combined Authority Committees, and the North East Combined Authority and North of Tyne Combined Authority Joint Transport Committees, and authorises the Director of Law and Corporate Governance, in consultation with the appropriate Group Leaders, to make any changes to the determination of allocation to political groupings which may be necessary following the May elections in the region.

4.4 Council appoints the Leader of the Council to the North East Mayoral Combined Authority and authorises the Director of Law and Corporate Governance to appoint substitute members following consultation with the Leader.

4.5 Council authorises the Director of Law and Corporate Governance, in consultation with the appropriate Group Leaders, to:

- make any appointments in the event of any vacancy in the appointments shown in the appendix

- make appointments to any committee required by the North East Mayoral Combined Authority.

- **Forward plan date and reason for urgency if applicable**

Not applicable

- **5. Background**

- Council Procedure Rules in Part 9 of the Constitution stipulates that the Annual Meeting of the Council shall appoint members to outside bodies.
- The North East Mayoral Combined Authority (Establishment and Functions) Order 2024, laid in Parliament in February 2024, provides for the creation of the North East Mayoral Combined Authority on 7th May 2024. On the same date the current North of Tyne Combined Authority (NTCA) and North East Combined Authority will cease to exist. Appointments therefore need to be made to the North of Tyne Combined Authority for the brief period that it continues to exist.
- There are elections in a number of constituent authorities in May 2024 which may affect political proportionality of NTCA. It is therefore proposed to grant the Director of Law and Corporate Governance delegated authority to make any new appointments to reflect the wishes of group leaders, should any changes be needed.
- The first meeting of the new North East Mayoral Combined Authority's Cabinet is also expected to take place on 7th May 2024. Under the terms of the Order, each Constituent Council must appoint one of its members to be a member of the new Combined Authority, together with two substitute members, either of whom may act in the absence of the appointed member.
- Other appointments to the committees of the new Combined Authority (e.g. Overview & Scrutiny and Audit & Standards) will be made at a further meeting of the Combined Authority on the 11th June 2024.
- At the time of writing this report, the size and political proportionality of these committees is not known. Council is therefore not in a position to appoint at this time. It is therefore proposed to grant the Director of Law and Corporate Governance delegated authority to make these appointments to reflect the wishes of group leaders.

- **Options open to the Council and reasons for the recommendations**

- Recommendations reflect the council's obligations to outside bodies

- **Implications**

Policy	The proposals within the report accord with the council's constitution
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Finance and value for money	No implications identified
Legal	The proposals within the report accord with the council's constitution
Procurement	No implications identified
Human resources	No implications identified
Property	No implications identified
The Equalities Act: is a full impact assessment required and attached?	No - not required at this point
Risk assessment	No implications identified
Crime and disorder	No implications identified
Customer considerations	No implications identified
Carbon reduction	No implications identified
Health and wellbeing	No implications identified
Wards	All Wards

- **Background papers**

Not applicable

- **Links to other key reports already published**

Not applicable

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