

AGENDA ITEM 6**REPORT TO THE TEES VALLEY
COMBINED AUTHORITY CABINET****11th SEPTEMBER 2020****REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE****GOVERNANCE AND APPOINTMENTS****SUMMARY**

This report summarises changes to membership of Tees Valley Combined Authority committees which have taken place since the previous Cabinet meeting.

This report also requests Cabinet ratification for the Chair and Vice Chair of the Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The appointment of Chair and Vice Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee and the Vice Chair of the Transport Committee will be updated at a future Cabinet meeting due to the timing of their meetings.

The report also asks for Cabinet ratification of the substitute members of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee as laid out in appendix 1 to this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Combined Authority Cabinet agrees the appointments as set out in this report.

DETAIL**Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

1. Hartlepool Council's outstanding nomination for Overview & Scrutiny Committee is Councillor John Tennant.
2. At its meeting on 13th August 2020 the Tees Valley Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee nominated the following:
 - Councillor Norma Stephenson as Chair for the civic year 2020/21
 - Councillor John Hobson as Vice-Chair for the civic year 2021/21
3. At the Combined Authority Cabinet meeting on 24th July, it was agreed that the Constitution be amended to allow substitute members to be appointed to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee. The nominations for substitute members can be found at Appendix 1.

Combined Authority Statutory Officers

4. Peter Judge takes up the statutory roles of Monitoring Officer and Data Protection Officer for the Combined Authority following his appointment as Group Chief Legal Officer.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. Support for the governance of the Tees Valley Combined Authority is provided from within the Authority's core budget, as agreed by Cabinet through the annual budget process, and funded through resources devolved from central government.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6. The report relates to the Constitution of the Combined Authority which sets out the appropriate statutory framework. The Constitution came in to effect on 8th May 2017 and is legally binding.

RISK ASSESSMENT

7. This report is categorised as low to medium risk. Existing management systems and daily routine activities are sufficient to control and reduce risk.

CONSULTATION & COMMUNICATION

8. The five Constituent Local Authority Leaders have been appropriately consulted on appointments, and nominations have been made through each council. The Mayor has also been consulted on these proposals.

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

9. There is a commitment from Cabinet to achieve a 50/50 gender balance and to increase overall diversity on the LEP by 2020. Although delayed by the COVID-19 outbreak it is intended that the recruitment process will secure more diverse membership of the LEP.

LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP

10. The items in this report have been circulated to LEP members in advance of coming forward to Cabinet.

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