

AGENDA ITEM 5

REPORT TO THE TEES VALLEY COMBINED AUTHORITY CABINET

27 JULY 2018

REPORT OF THE INTERIM MANAGING DIRECTOR

GOVERNANCE AND APPOINTMENTS

SUMMARY

This report requests that Cabinet ratify appointments made to the positions of Chair and Vice Chair of the Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Audit and Governance Committee, and one outstanding appointment to the Audit and Governance Committee. The appointments to the Audit and Governance Committee will be updated verbally at the meeting due to the timing of that meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- i. Approves the appointments set out in this report.
- ii. Notes Overview and Scrutiny Committee's intention to conduct a study into the diversity of membership of the Tees Valley Combined Authority, as previously requested by Cabinet.

DETAIL

1. Councillor Bill Dixon will step down as Leader of Darlington Borough Council at their next Council meeting on Thursday 19th July. The new Leader of Darlington Borough Council will be appointed at the same meeting. According to the Combined Authority's Constitution, the new Leader will become Cabinet member and Deputy Mayor of the Combined Authority. Due to the timing of Darlington's Council meeting and the statutory deadline for the publication of the Combined Authority Cabinet papers, the appointment will be made verbally at the Cabinet meeting.
2. The Chair of the Local Enterprise Partnership has received notification of the resignation of Siobhan McArdle as a LEP member. This leaves a vacancy on the associate membership of the Cabinet. A recruitment campaign for LEP members, focusing on addressing diversity of the membership, is due to commence shortly.

3. At its meeting on Thursday June 7th 2018 the Tees Valley Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee unanimously elected the following:
 - Councillor Norma Stephenson OBE as Chair for the civic year 2018/19.
 - Councillor Ian Haszeldine as Vice-Chair for the civic year 2018/19.
4. As part of its work programme for the forthcoming year the Committee has also agreed to undertake a scrutiny study into the diversity of membership of the Tees Valley Combined Authority, as requested by Cabinet at its June 1st 2018 meeting. It plans to bring a report on the matter, including recommendations, before Cabinet before the commencement of the pre-election period for the council elections of May 2019.
5. At its meeting on Thursday June 21st 2018 Hartlepool Borough Council nominated Councillor Anne Marshall to be its representative on the Combined Authority's Audit and Governance Committee for the Civic Year 2018/19.
6. Audit and Governance Committee will meet to elect its Chair and Vice-Chair for the coming civic year on July 25th 2018 and Cabinet will receive a verbal update on the outcome of this meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. 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

8. The report relates to the Constitution for 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

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

CONSULTATION

10. Appointments are made in accordance with the Combined Authority Constitution and the processes governing each Local Authority.

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