

**AGENDA ITEM 7****REPORT TO THE TEES VALLEY  
COMBINED AUTHORITY CABINET****26 JULY 2019****REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE****GOVERNANCE AND APPOINTMENTS****SUMMARY**

This report requests Cabinet ratification for the Chair and Vice Chair of the Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the Audit and Governance Committee and also the Vice Chair of the Transport Committee. The appointment of Chair and Vice Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee will be updated verbally at the meeting due to the timing of that meeting. It also confirms the Further Education representative for the forthcoming academic year.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

**DETAIL****Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

1. At its meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019 the Tees Valley Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee nominated the following:
  - Councillor Norma Stephenson as Chair for the civic year 2019/20
  - Councillor Denise Rooney as Vice-Chair for the civic year 2019/20

**Transport Committee**

2. At its meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 the Tees Valley Combined Authority Transport Committee nominated Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher as Vice Chair for the Civic Year 2019/20.
3. Middlesbrough Council have advised that their representative on the Transport Committee is Cllr Ashley Waters, the Executive Member for Regeneration.

### **Audit and Governance Committee**

4. Audit and Governance Committee will meet to nominate its Chair and Vice Chair for the coming year on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019 and Cabinet will receive a verbal update on the outcome of this meeting.
5. At the same meeting the Audit and Governance Committee will also nominate a member to be on the South Tees Development Corporation Audit and Risk Committee and this will be reported verbally at Cabinet.

### **Other appointments**

6. The FE College Principals have confirmed that Zoe Lewis, Principal of Middlesbrough College, has been nominated as their representative on the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) for the Academic year 2019/20. Zoe replaces Darren Hankey, Principal of Hartlepool College of Further Education, on the LEP.

### **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 of the Combined Authority which sets out the appropriate statutory framework.

### **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 & COMMUNICATION**

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

### **EQUALITY & DIVERSITY**

11. As reported to Cabinet previously, there is a commitment from Cabinet to achieve a 50/50 gender balance and to increase overall diversity on the LEP by 2020. Overview & Scrutiny Committee have also carried out a study into a perceived lack of diversity in gender, sexuality, disability and ethnicity in the membership of the Tees Valley Combined Authority Cabinet and Committee membership. This study is now complete and findings and recommendations from this will be presented to Cabinet in July.

### **LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP**

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

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