



Combined Authority Board	Agenda Item
31 May 2023 – Annual Meeting	7

Title:	Appointments to Thematic Committees, Committee Chairs and Lead Members
Report of:	Edwina Adefehinti, Interim Chief Officer Legal and Governance & Monitoring Officer
Lead Member:	Mayor Dr Nik Johnson
Public Report:	Yes
Key Decision:	No
Voting Arrangements:	Simple majority of all Members (to be carried, the vote must include the vote of the Mayor, or the Deputy Mayor when acting in place of the Mayor)

Recommendations:	
A	Note and agree the Mayor's nominations to Lead Member responsibilities and the membership of the committees including the Chairs of committees for 2023/24 as set out in Appendix 1
B	Note the Committee Members and substitute Members appointed by constituent councils to the Combined Authority for the municipal year 2023/24 (Appendix 1).
C	Note and agree the Membership for the HR Committee for 2023/24 (Appendix 1)

Strategic Objective(s):	
The subject of this report is linked to all the Combined Authority's strategic objectives as stated below as those Members nominated to the thematic committees will help drive forward these ambitions.	
	Achieving ambitious skills and employment opportunities
	Achieving good growth
	Increased connectivity
	Enabling resilient communities

1. Purpose	
1.1	At its meeting on 25 July 2018, the Combined Authority Board agreed to establish three committees. The Constitution was amended accordingly at its meeting on 26 September 2018.
1.2	A review of Governance was reported to the Combined Authority Board meeting on 25 September 2019 with amendments agreed as at section 2.2 below. Ongoing review of governance led to a further review report considered by the Combined Authority Board on 22 March 2023 amending the responsibility and terms of reference of the three committees. Two of the committees were also renamed to better reflect the new terms of reference.
1.3	This report asks the Board to agree the Mayor's nominations to Lead Member responsibilities and the membership of the committees for 2023/24.

2. Proposal

2.1	That the members and substitute members be appointed to the CA Committees, as outlined in attached appendices 1-3, in order that decisions can be made in accordance with the Constitution and to progress the strategic objectives of the CA.
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3. Background

3.1	In July 2018, the Combined Authority Board agreed a new system of decision making through the establishment of three committees.
3.2	The Combined Authority reviewed its governance arrangements at its meeting on 25 September 2019 and resolved that the Combined Authority Board shall appoint the committee and substitute members. Also, that with the exception of the Chair, Board members may nominate another member from their constituent council to be a member of the committee in their place. The Board member shall also nominate a named substitute member.
3.3	Nominations are in consultation with the Mayor and subject to approval by the Board. In principle, neither the Mayor nor the Board will seek to exercise their voting rights to veto or vote against the appointment of constituent council members to executive committees. These amendments took effect on 1 November 2019.
3.4	The Mayor has allocated Lead Member responsibilities and membership of committees are set out in Appendix 1 (to follow). The Board is asked to agree these allocations for 2023/24.
3.5	At the meeting held on 22 March 2023 the Board agreed the constitutional changes to the Employment Committee, including its change of name to the Human Resources Committee and an amended membership. The Terms of Reference require the Human Resources Committee to be made up of the Mayor or his/her nominee, and a representative appointed by each Political Party represented at Combined Authority Board.
3.6	Revised Terms of Reference for the Human resources Committee (formerly Employment Committee) were agreed by the Combined Authority Board at its meeting on 22 March 2023. The new membership comprises the Mayor along with a representative appointed by each Political Party represented at Combined Authority Board. Members of the represented parties were contacted to nominate Members and substitutes for the committee.

4. Appendices

4.1	Appendix 1 – Lead Member Responsibilities
4.2	Appendix 2 – Thematic Committee Membership
4.3	Appendix 3 – Human Resources Committee Membership

5. Implications

Financial Implications

5.1	In accordance with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Order 2017 no remuneration is to be payable by the Combined Authority to its members.
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Legal Implications

6.1	These are dealt with in the report.
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Public Health Implications	
7.1	None
Environmental & Climate Change Implications	
8.1	None
Other Significant Implications	
9.1	None
Background Papers	
10.1	Report and decisions of the Combined Authority Board 25 July 2018
10.2	Report and decisions of the Combined Authority Board 25 September 2019
10.3	Report and decisions of the Combined Authority Board 22 March 2023