

Report for Resolution

Committee: Constitutional and Nomination Committee

Date: 18 May 2010

Subject: **Appointments to Joint Authorities and Joint Committees**

Report of: The City Solicitor

Purpose of Report

1. To review the appointments made to Joint Authorities and Joint Committees in accordance with the provisions of Sections 15-17 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.
2. To make recommendations to the Joint Authorities as to the appointment of spokespersons to answer questions raised as outlined in Procedural Rule 24 in accordance with Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1985.

Recommendations

1. To review appointments to the several Joint Authorities and to recommend the appointment of the Council's representatives for the 2009/2010 Municipal Year.
2. To recommend the appointment of spokespersons in accordance with Section 41 of the Local Government Act, 1985, to answer questions in relation to the Joint Authorities at meetings of the City Council as outlined in Procedural Rule 24.
3. To review appointments to the (a) Mersey Valley Joint Committee, (b) Pennine Acute Trust, (c) the Manchester Local Transport Public Forum (including a LTPF representative being appointed to the Ring and Ride Steering Group, (d) School Admissions Forum, (e) Schools Funding Forum, (f) Manchester Port Health Authority and (g) AGMA Overview and Scrutiny Committee and to make recommendations to the Council.

Financial Consequences for the Revenue Budget None
Financial Consequences for the Capital Budget None

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Background Documents

1. Sections 15-17 Local Government and Housing Act 1989
2. Section 41 Local Government Act, 1985
3. Minutes of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee 2007/2008
4. Council Procedure Rules in the Constitution
5. The Local Government (Committee and Political Groups) Regulations 1989
6. The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007

Wards affected: None

Implications for:

Anti-poverty	Equal Opportunities	Employment	Environment
None	None	None	None

1. Introduction

- 1.1 In accordance with Sections 15-17 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Committee must again review the appointments to Joint Authorities and Joint Committees where the Council has three or more seats on these bodies, to ensure representation of the Council's different political groups.
- 1.2 In determining the allocation of seats on these bodies between the different political groups, the Council, so far as possible, must give effect to the principles of political balance.
- 1.3 The Joint Authorities and Joint Committees to which the Council makes appointments, and which are affected by these provisions, are as follows:

Joint Authorities

Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority	5 seats
Greater Manchester Integrated Transport Authority	5 seats
Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority	3 seats

Joint Committees

Mersey Valley Joint Advisory Committee	4 seats
Pennine Acute Hospital Trust Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee	3 seats

2. Joint Authorities

- 2.1 The present appointments to the Joint Authorities are as follows:

Fire and Rescue Authority (5 seats)

The Majority Group is now entitled to 3 seats and the Opposition Group to 2 seats. The following members are currently appointed –

Councillors, Ankers, Cooper, Curley, Judge and Shannon.

Integrated Transport Authority (5 seats)

The Majority Group is now entitled to 3 seats and the Opposition Group to 2 seats. The following members are currently appointed -

Councillors Fender, McCulley, Sandiford, Stevens and Whitmore.

Waste Disposal Authority (3 seats)

The Majority Group is entitled to 2 seats and the opposition to 1 seat. The following members are currently appointed -

Councillors Glover, N. Murphy and Swannick.

- 2.2 The Council is also entitled to nominate a member to serve on the Greater Manchester Police Authority and Councillor P. Murphy is currently appointed.
- 2.3 The Committee is requested to consider making recommendations to the relevant joint authority of spokespersons in accordance with Section 41 of the Local Government Act, 1985, for the Joint Authorities.

The present spokespersons are as follows:-

Fire and Rescue	Councillor Curley
Police	<i>Councillor P. Murphy</i>
Integrated Transport	<i>Councillor Fender</i>
Waste Disposal	<i>Councillor Swannick</i>

- 2.4 The Committee is also asked to appoint representatives to serve on the Manchester Local Transport Public Forum (including a LTPF representative being appointed to the Ring and Ride Steering Group)
No appointments were made in 2009/10

3. **Joint Committees**

3.1 **Mersey Valley Joint Committee**

Representation on the Joint Committee would be as follows:-

Labour	3
Liberal Democrat	1

Councillors *Burns, Fender, Morrison and Eakins* are currently appointed members of the **Mersey Valley Joint Committee**, with deputies as follows:
Councillors Andrews, Barrett, Cooley and Ankers

3.2 **Pennine Acute Hospital Trust Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Representation on the Joint Committee would be as follows:-

Labour	2
Liberal Democrat	1

Councillors *Barrett, Lyons and O'Connor* are currently appointed.

3.3 **School Admissions Forum**

5 members. *Currently Councillors S. Newman (ex officio) A. Khan (ex officio) Judge, Parkinson and Ramsbottom*

3.4 **Schools Funding Forum**

1 member. *Currently Councillor Afzal Khan.*

3.5 **Manchester Port Health Authority**

4 Members. *Currently Councillors Barrett, Commons, Royle and Trotman are appointed.*

3.6 **AGMA Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

3 Members. *Currently Councillors Ashley, Flanagan and Watson*