

## **Manchester City Council Report for Resolution**

**Report To:** Constitutional and Nomination Committee – 15 May 2012

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

**Report Of:** The City Solicitor

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### **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 serve on the Combined Authority and several Joint Authorities and to recommend the appointment of the Council's representatives for the 2011/2012 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 Transport for Greater Manchester Committee, AGMA Executive Board, AGMA Joint Scrutiny Pool, AGMA Statutory Functions Committee, Mersey Valley Joint Committee, Pennine Acute Hospital Trust Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Greater Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Committee, Shadow Police and Crime Panel.
  4. To review appointments to the School Forum and the Manchester Port Health Authority.
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**Financial Consequences for the Revenue Budget**  
**Financial Consequences for the Capital Budget**

None  
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. The principles of political balance are:
- (a) that (if there is more than one political group) not all the seats on the relevant committee are allocated to the same political group;
  - (b) that the majority of seats on the relevant committee are allocated to the majority group on the Council;
  - (c) that, subject to (a) and (b), the aggregate total number of seats on the Council's committees are allocated between political groups in proportion to each group's respective representation on the Council;
  - (d) that, subject to (a), (b) and (c), the seats on each individual committee/ sub-committee are allocated between the political groups in proportion to each group's respective membership of the Council, and
  - (e) where councillors are not members of a group, they are to be appointed to any seats which are left unallocated, after giving effect to the political balance principles.
- 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 Waste Disposal Authority	3 seats
Combined Authority	1 seat

### Joint Committees

Transport for Greater Manchester Committee	5 seats
AGMA Executive Board	1 seat (2 substitutes)
AGMA Joint Scrutiny Pool	3 seats
AGMA Statutory Functions Committee	1 seat (1 substitute)
Mersey Valley Joint Committee	4 seats
Pennine Acute Hospital Trust Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee	3 seats
Greater Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Committee	1 seat (1 substitute)
Shadow Police and Crime Panel	1 seat

## 2. Joint Authorities

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

### **Fire and Rescue Authority (5 seats)**

The Opposition Group is entitled to 1 seat under the 1<sup>st</sup> of the principles of political balance. The following members are currently appointed:

Councillors Curley, Fletcher-Hackwood, Judge

### **Waste Disposal Authority (3 seats)**

The Opposition Group is entitled to 1 seat under the 1<sup>st</sup> of the principles of political balance. The following members are currently appointed:

Councillors N. Murphy and Swannick

## **2.2 Combined Authority**

### **To advise on appointments to the Combined Authority**

#### **Previous appointments were as follows:**

Councillor Leese and Councillor J. Battle as substitute member.

- 2.3 The Council is also entitled to nominate a member to serve on the **Greater Manchester Police Authority** and **Councillor P. Murphy** is currently appointed.

- 2.4 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**  
**Police**  
**Waste Disposal**

**Councillor Curley**  
**Councillor P. Murphy**  
**Councillor Swannick**

## **3. Joint Committees**

### **3.1 Transport for Greater Manchester Committee (5 members)**

The Opposition Group is entitled to 1 seat under the 1<sup>st</sup> of the principles of political balance.

The following members are currently appointed:  
Councillors Fender, M. Murphy, Paul, Walters

### **3.2 AGMA Joint Scrutiny Pool (3 members)**

The Opposition Group is entitled to 1 seat under the 1<sup>st</sup> of the principles of political balance. And under the agreed AGMA protocol both sexes should be

represented in the appointments.

The following members are currently appointed:  
Councillors Carmody and Green

**3.3 AGMA Statutory Functions Committee (1 member and substitute)**

Presently appointed is Councillor Cox and Councillor Amesbury is the substitute

**3.4 Mersey Valley Joint Committee (4 members)**

Representation on the Joint Committee would be as follows:-

Labour	3
Liberal Democrat	1

Presently appointed are Councillors Fender, Ellison and Di Mauro

**3.5 Pennine Acute Hospital Trust Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (3 members)**

Representation on the Joint Committee would be

Labour	2
Liberal Democrat	1

Councillors Barrett and Hassan are currently appointed.

**3.6 Greater Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Committee (1 member, 1 substitute)**

Currently Councillor E Newman (Councillor Watson is the substitute)

**3.7 Shadow Police and Crime Panel (1 member)**

This is a new body. It should be noted that the AGMA Executive Board has recommended that the Leader should be appointed.

**3.8 AGMA Executive (1 member, 2 substitutes)**

Currently Councillor Leese, with J Battle and S Murphy as substitutes.

**4. Other Bodies**

**4.1 Schools Forum**

1 member, currently Councillor Reid.

**4.2 Manchester Port Health Authority**

4 Members, currently Councillors Barrett, Royle, Chamberlain, Trotman