

## **Manchester Council Report for Resolution**

**Report to:** Constitutional and Nomination Committee – 14 May 2013

**Subject:** Appointments to joint authorities and joint committees

**Report of:** The City Solicitor

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### **Purpose of Report**

This report provides information about the Council's current appointments to the joint authorities and joint committees. The Committee is invited to review the appointments and make recommendations to Council about the Council's representatives for the 2013/14 municipal year. The report also asks the Committee to make recommendations to the joint authorities about the appointment of spokespersons to answer questions at Council meetings as outlined in Council Procedural Rule 24 (part 4, section A of the Constitution).

### **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 2013/14 municipal year.
  2. To recommend to the joint authorities the appointment of spokespersons to answer questions about the work of the joint authorities at meetings of the Council as outlined in Council Procedural Rule 24.
  3. To recommend to Council the appointment of members 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, Manchester and Trafford Joint Health Scrutiny Committee and the Police and Crime Panel.
  4. To recommend to Council the appointment of members to the School Forum and the Manchester Port Health Authority.
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### **Wards Affected**

All

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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

## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Constitutional and Nomination Committee is asked to review the appointments to joint authorities and joint committees. Where the Council has three or more seats, the Council must allocate these seats on the basis of the principles of political balance. The principles of political balance that relate to joint authorities and joint committees are summarised below:
- If there is more than one political group represented at a council, then seats on any committee cannot be allocated to only one political group;
  - that the majority of seats on the relevant committee are allocated to the majority group on the Council; and
  - Subject to (a), (b) the seats on each individual committee or sub committee are allocated between the political groups in proportion to each group's membership of the Council
- 1.2 The joint authorities and joint committees 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 (1 substitute)

### 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 Scrutiny Committee - 3 seats  
Greater Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Committee - 1 seat (1 substitute)  
Manchester and Trafford Joint Health Scrutiny Committee - 5 seats (1 substitute)  
Greater Manchester 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 first principle of political balance. The following members are currently appointed:  
Councillors Curley, Fletcher-Hackwood, Judge, S Newman and Hennigan

### Waste Disposal Authority (3 seats)

The opposition group is entitled to 1 seat under the first principle of political balance. The following members are currently appointed:  
Councillors N. Murphy, Swannick and Lewis

## 2.2 **Combined Authority**

Councillor Leese is currently appointed with Councillor J. Battle as substitute member.

- 2.3 The Constitutional and Nomination Committee is requested to make recommendations to the relevant joint authority about the appointment of spokespersons to answer questions about the work of the joint authorities at meetings of the Council as outlined in Council Procedural Rule 24.

The current spokespersons are as follows:

**Fire and Rescue Authority** - Councillor Judge  
**Waste Disposal Authority** - Councillor Swannick

## 3. **Joint Committees**

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

The opposition group is entitled to 1 seat under the first principle of political balance.

The following members are currently appointed:  
Councillors Fender, Paul, Rawlins, Walters and Clayton

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

The opposition group is entitled to 1 seat under the first principle of political balance. Under the agreed AGMA protocol both sexes should be represented in the appointments. The following members are currently appointed:  
Councillors Carmody, Green and Wheale

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

Both of these appointments are currently vacant.

### 3.4 **Mersey Valley Joint Committee (4 members and 3 substitutes)**

The opposition group is entitled to 1 seat under the first principle of political balance.

The following members are currently appointed:  
Councillors Andrews, Ellison, Fender and Di Mauro.  
Substitute members are Councillors Barrett, Cooley and Clayton

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

The opposition group is entitled to 1 seat under the first principle of political balance however, three labour members have been appointed to this committee to represent the north Manchester wards which this Committee affects. The following members are currently appointed:  
Councillors Davies, Hackett and Lyons

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

Councillor E Newman with Councillor Watson as the substitute member.

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

The current member is Councillor Leese.

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

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

**4. Other Bodies**

**4.1 Schools Forum**

There is currently one member appointed which is Councillor Reid.

**4.2 Manchester Port Health Authority**

The members currently appointed are:  
Councillors Barrett, Royle, Chamberlain, Trotman