

Manchester Council Report for Resolution

Report to: Constitutional and Nomination Committee – 15 May 2018

Subject: Appointments to joint authorities and joint committees

Report of: The Acting City Solicitor

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 2018/19 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 2018/19 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 Statutory Functions Committee, Greater Manchester 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

The following documents disclose important facts on which the report is based and have been relied upon in preparing the report. Copies of the background documents are available up to 4 years after the date of the meeting. If you would like a copy please contact one of the contact officers above.

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 Health and Social Care Act 2012

Introduction

1. The Constitutional and Nomination Committee is asked to review the appointments to joint authorities and joint committees and to make recommendations to Council about the Council's representatives for the 2018/19 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).
2. The joint authorities and joint committees and the number of seats are listed below. Sections 2-5 details the current appointments, which the Committee is asked to review.
3. 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.

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.

The Joint Authorities and Joint Committees to which the Council makes appointments, and which are affected by these provisions, are as follows:

The Combined Authority

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

1 seat (1 substitute)

Combined Authority Committees

Transport for Greater Manchester Committee - 5 seats, including the relevant Executive Member, one of the seats to be a member of the Opposition.

AGMA Executive Board – The Leader and 2 substitutes

AGMA Statutory Functions Committee - 1 seat (1 substitute)

Greater Manchester Police and Crime Panel - 1 seat

Greater Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Panel -1 seat

Other Bodies

Schools Forum – 1 seat

Manchester Port Health Authority - 3 seats

Appointments to Joint authorities

4. The Committee is invited to make recommendations to Council about the appointment of members to joint authorities for the 2018/19 municipal year. The present appointments to the joint authorities are as follows:

Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue

The functions of the Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority were transferred to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority on 8 May 2017. The former Fire Authority functions were incorporated into the Combined Authority and Mayoral role with scrutiny being undertaken by the Corporate Issues and Reform Scrutiny Committee.

In light of the Kerslake review it was proposed that the functions of the Fire Committee be incorporated in the remit of the Police and Crime Panel to bring the 999 services closer together. The Combined Authority will be seeking permission to rename the Police and Crime Panel to the Police, Fire and Crime Panel at the AGM in June 2018.

Greater Manchester Waste Disposal

The functions of the Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority were transferred to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority in April 2017. However, given the significant issues regarding waste disposal it is proposed that a Waste Committee be established comprising 12 – 15 members. It is also proposed that the committee will be politically proportionate and gender balanced with 9 members nominated by districts and up to 6 more members from an additional pool of 9, who will also be nominated by the districts. The 6 additional members will be appointed by the Greater Manchester Mayor in consultation with political group leaders.

The Committee is invited to make recommendations to Council about nominations for membership of the GMCA Waste Committee.

Greater Manchester Combined Authority (1 seat)

Councillor Leese is currently appointed with the Deputy Leader as substitute.

The GMCA's constitution approved at the 30 June 2017 meeting confirmed that the GMCA should have the following three scrutiny committees:

(a) Corporate Issues and Reform

- Matters of coordination and cross cutting policy themes
- Devolution and legislative matters
- Budget oversight and other financial matters
- GMCA organisational and staffing issues
- GM communications
- GM Connect data sharing
- GM's reform work
- Fire and rescue functions
- Fairness, equalities and cohesion

(b) Economy, Business Growth and Skills

- Investment
- Science and technology
- GM's global brand
- Culture, leisure and sport
- Improving GM's international competitiveness
- Business support
- Skills and employment to support business growth

(c) Housing, Planning and Environment

- Transport
- Regeneration
- Housing and planning
- Low carbon
- Waste

The scrutiny of health, wellbeing and social care will continue to operate as a joint committee of the ten districts.

Each committee will have a membership of 15 and at least one member from each district. The Constitutional and Nomination Committee is asked to make recommendations to make 6 nominations for membership of the 3 GMCA Scrutiny Committees.

4 of these nominations should be from the ruling group and 2 from the major opposition group, except where there is a hung council (or no opposition group). Districts with a 3 way hung council are expected to be politically inclusive in their nominations.

The Committee is invited to make recommendations to Council about nominations for membership of the 3 GMCA Scrutiny Committees.

Appointment of Council Spokesperson

5. The Constitutional and Nomination Committee is asked 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 2017/18 spokespersons were:

Combined Authority – Councillor Leese

Transport for Greater Manchester Committee – Councillor Fender

Appointment to Joint Committees

6. The Committee is invited to make recommendations to Council about the appointment of members to joint committees for the 2018/19 municipal year. The appointments for the previous year for all other joint committees are as follows:

Transport for Greater Manchester Committee (5 members)

The following members were appointed for the 2017/18 municipal year:
Councillors Azra Ali, Fender, Hassan, Noor, and Paul

AGMA Executive Board (1 member, 2 substitutes)

For the 2017/18 municipal year the membership was Councillor Leese, with Councillors Priest and S Murphy as substitutes.

Greater Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Panel

For the 2017/18 municipal year the member appointed was Councillor Sheikh

AGMA Statutory Functions Committee (1 member and substitute)

For the 2017/18 municipal year the membership was Councillor Chohan with Councillor Stone as a substitute

Police and Crime Panel (to be renamed Police, Fire and Crime Panel) (1 member)

For the 2017/18 municipal year the member appointed was Councillor Leese.

Parking and Traffic Regulation Outside London (PATROL) Committee

For the 2017/18 municipal year this position was vacant.

Appointments to Other Bodies

Schools Forum

For the 2017/18 municipal year the member appointed was Councillor Stone.

Manchester Port Health Authority

For the 2017/18 municipal year the membership was Councillor Barrett, Councillor Lanchbury, Councillor Sameem Ali and Councillor Sadler