

Date: 28 March 2023

Report APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE AUTHORITY'S COMMITTEES
FROM 1 APRIL 2023 to 27 JUNE 2023

Purpose of report

1. To agree short term appointments of Members to the Authority's Committees in order to fill the vacancies caused by local government re-organisation in Cumbria and North Yorkshire. These appointments to take effect from 1 April 2023 until the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in June.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That the Authority determines that, from 1 April 2023 until the AGM, membership of its Committees will be as set out in the **Appendix**; and delegates authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chair, to fill those Committee vacancies allotted to Westmorland and Furness Council appointees once their formal appointments to YDNPA have been received.

Strategic Planning Framework

3. The information and recommendation contained in this report is consistent with the Authority's statutory purposes and its approved strategic planning framework.

- **Corporate Plan Objective 36:** *Operate governance arrangements that are fit for purpose...*

Background

4. On 1 April 2023, the new unitary authority of North Yorkshire Council will assume responsibility for the area currently administered by North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC), Craven District Council (CDC) and Richmondshire District Council (RDC) among others.
5. On the same date, the new unitary authority of Westmorland and Furness Council will assume responsibility for the area currently administered by Cumbria County Council (CCC), Eden District Council (EDC) and South Lakeland District Council (SLDC) among others.
6. Members who are currently appointed by those councils being dissolved on 1 April 2023 will cease to be Members of the Authority on that date. The Authority's membership will then be as follows:

Appointing body	Number of Members	Percentage
North Yorkshire Council	10	40%
Westmorland & Furness Council	3	12%
Lancashire County Council	1	4%
Lancaster City Council	1	4%
Secretary of State (parish)	4	16%
Secretary of State (other)	6	24%

7. There are four Committee meetings scheduled to take place in the three month period from 1 April to the AGM, namely:

- Audit and Review Committee – 18 April 2023
- Planning Committee – 18 April 2023
- Finance and Resources Committee – 30 May 2023
- Planning Committee – 30 May 2023

8. North Yorkshire Council has recently appointed the following Members to the Authority (those members highlighted are current Authority Members appointed by NYCC):

- Richard Foster
- David Ireton
- Andrew Murday
- Yvonne Peacock
- Karin Sedgwick
- Robert Heseltine (currently appointed by Craven District Council)
- Simon Myers
- David Noland
- Stuart Parsons
- Steve Shaw-Wright

9. The names of the three appointees from Westmorland and Furness Council are awaited – we expect to receive these after their Council’s AGM on 20 April 2023.

10. There are some legislative requirements relating to proportionality which must be complied with when appointing Members to the Authority’s Committees. The main provision requires the division of Members between a) Local Authority Members and b) those Members appointed by the Secretary of State (both Parish and “other”), on each Committee, to be as near as possible (using whole numbers) in the same proportion as in the case of the Authority itself (i.e. in the ratio 3:2)

11. The tables in the Appendix show the current membership of each Committee, those positions which will be affected by the local government re-organisation on 1 April and suggested replacement appointments.

David Butterworth
Chief Executive
11 March 2023

Background documents: None

Table 1: Planning Committee (17 Members)

CURRENT MEMBERS		Affected by local government re-organisation?	SUGGESTED MEMBERS	
Name	Appointing body		Replacement	Appointing body
John Amsden	RDC	Y	David Noland	NYC
Libby Bateman	SoS(P)	N	n/a	
Lizzie Bushby	SoS	N	n/a	
Mark Corner	SoS	N	n/a	
Richard Foster	NYCC	Y	Richard Foster	NYC
Richard Good	RDC	Y	Steve Shaw-Wright	NYC
Neil Heseltine	SoS(P)	N	n/a	
Robert Heseltine	CDC	Y	Robert Heseltine	NYC
David Ireton	NYCC	Y	David Ireton	NYC
Allen Kirkbride	SoS(P)	N	n/a	
Sandy Lancaster	EDC	Y	A member of W&F once appointed	W&F
Carl Lis	CDC	Y	Simon Myers	NYC
Ian Mitchell	SLDC	Y	A member of W&F once appointed	W&F
Jim Munday	SoS	N	n/a	
Andrew Murday	NYCC	Y	Andrew Murday	NYC
Yvonne Peacock	NYCC	Y	Yvonne Peacock	NYC
Neil Swain	SoS	N	n/a	

Table 2 - Audit and Review Committee (12 Members)

CURRENT MEMBERS		Affected by local government re-organisation?	SUGGESTED MEMBERS	
Name	Appointing body		Replacement	Appointing body
Lizzie Bushby	SoS	N	n/a	
Mark Corner	SoS	N	n/a	
Richard Good	RDC	Y	Steve Shaw-Wright	NYC
Liz Hall	SoS(P)	N	n/a	
Robert Heseltine	CDC	Y	Robert Heseltine	NYC
David Ireton	NYCC	Y	David Ireton	NYC
Allen Kirkbride	SoS(P)	N	n/a	
Sandy Lancaster	EDC	Y	A member of W&F once appointed	W&F
Ian Mitchell	SLDC	Y	A member of W&F once appointed	W&F
Jim Munday	SoS	N	n/a	
Andrew Murday	NYCC	Y	Andrew Murday	NYC
Yvonne Peacock	NYCC	Y	Yvonne Peacock	NYC

Table 3 - Finance and Resources Committee (13 Members)

CURRENT MEMBERS		Affected by local government re-organisation?	SUGGESTED MEMBERS	
Name	Appointing body		Replacement	Appointing body
John Amsden	RDC	Y	David Noland	NYC
Libby Bateman	SoS(P)	N	n/a	
Nick Cotton	CDC	Y	A member of W&F once appointed	W&F
Richard Foster	NYCC	Y	Richard Foster	NYC
Kevin Frea	LCyC	N	n/a	
Neil Heseltine	SoS(P)	N	n/a	
Julie Hutton	SoS	N	n/a	
Carl Lis	CDC	Y	Simon Myers	NYC
Sue Metcalfe	CDC	Y	Stuart Parsons	NYC
Jenny Purcell	LCC	N	n/a	
Karin Sedgwick	NYCC	Y	Karin Sedgwick	NYC
Neil Swain	SoS	N	n/a	
Derek Twine	SoS	N	n/a	

Code

CCC = Cumbria County Council
 CDC = Craven District Council
 EDC = Eden District Council
 LCC = Lancashire County Council
 LCyC = Lancaster City Council
 NYC = North Yorkshire Council
 NYCC = North Yorkshire County Council
 RDC = Richmondshire District Council
 SLDC = South Lakeland District Council
 SoS = Secretary of State ("other")
 SoS (P) = Secretary of State (Parish)
 W&F = Westmorland and Furness Council