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AGENDA ITEM 4

REPORT TO THE TEES VALLEY COMBINED AUTHORITY CABINET

28th OCTOBER 2022

REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

GOVERNANCE AND APPOINTMENTS

SUMMARY

This report requests ratification for the Chair and Vice Chair of the Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Chair and Vice Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee. The Vice Chair of the Transport Committee will be updated at a future Cabinet meeting due to the timing of their meeting.

Ratification is also sought for the appointment of a TVCA Audit & Governance representative to the STDC Audit and Governance Committee. It is also sought for the appointment of an independent representative on to the STDC Audit and Governance Committee.

Appointments to the proposed Mayoral Development Corporations for Middlesbrough and Hartlepool are also included at Appendix 1.

Cabinet is asked to note the resignation of Liz Dargue from the Independent Remuneration Panel and note her replacement on the Panel.

This report also asks Cabinet to approve the proposed amendments to the TVCA Constitution.

Appendix 1 is exempt from publication because of reference to the appointment of named individuals. If the recommendation is approved, the information will be released publicly.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Combined Authority Cabinet:-

- agrees the appointments as set out in this report and at appendix 1;
- approve the amendments to the Constitution.

DETAIL

Overview & Scrutiny Committee

1. At its meeting on 14th October 2022 the Tees Valley Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee nominated the following:
 - Councillor John Hobson as Chair for the civic year 2022/23
 - Councillor Sandra Smith as Vice-Chair for the civic year 2022/23.
2. Cabinet is asked to note the appointment of Councillor Sue Little from Hartlepool Borough Council on to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee. This appointment has been ratified by The Monitoring Officer to allow for the Councillor's attendance at the October Overview & Scrutiny meeting Committee meeting.
3. Cabinet is also asked to note the appointments of Councillor Dennis Loynes and Councillor Rachel Creevy from Hartlepool Borough Council and Councillor Vera Rider from Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council as substitute members on the Overview & Scrutiny Committee. These appointments have also been ratified by the Monitoring Officer.

Audit & Governance Committee

4. At its meeting on 2nd August, 2022 the Tees Valley Combined Authority Audit and Governance Committee nominated the following:
 - Councillor Matt Storey as Chair for the civic year 2022/23
 - Councillor Anne Watts as Vice Chair for the civic year 2022/23.
5. The TVCA Audit and Governance Committee nominated Councillor Anne Watts as the representative on the South Tees Development Corporation Audit and Governance Committee.
6. Following a recruitment campaign and interview process, Mike Sharp has been appointed as an independent representative on the South Tees Development Corporation Audit and Governance Committee.

Appointments to Mayoral Development Corporations (MDCs)

7. Ahead of the formal establishment of the proposed Mayoral Development Corporations for Hartlepool and Middlesbrough, appointments to the shadow Boards are set out at appendix 1. The legislation for MDCs sets out that it is the power of the Mayor to propose the composition of the MDC Boards. The Mayor will be the chair of each Board. Once each MDC is a legal entity the appointments set out at appendix 1 will transfer to the formal Board. The term for each appointment will be two years from the date of appointment.

Independent Remuneration Panel

8. Cabinet is asked to note the resignation of Liz Dargue, Darlington Borough Council's representative on the Independent Remuneration Panel. Her place on the panel will

be taken by Kay Sandham. This appointment has been ratified by the Monitoring Officer.

Amendments to the Constitution

9. Cabinet is invited to approve the amendments to the Constitution which are laid out in the substantive agenda item relating to the LEP Integration Plan.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. Support for the governance of the Tees Valley Combined Authority is provided from within the Authority's core budget, as agreed by Cabinet through the annual budget process, and funded through resources devolved from central government.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

11. The report relates to the Constitution of the Combined Authority which sets out the appropriate statutory framework. The Constitution came into effect on 8th May 2017 and is legally binding.

RISK ASSESSMENT

12. This report is categorised as low to medium risk. Existing management systems and daily routine activities are sufficient to control and reduce risk.

CONSULTATION & COMMUNICATION

13. The five Constituent Local Authority Leaders have been appropriately consulted on appointments, and nominations have been made through each council. The Mayor has also been consulted on these proposals.

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

14. The TVCA Equality Framework set out how TVCA ensures compliance with its duties under The Equality Act 2010 and The Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) Regulations 2011 and our commitment to ensure that all our policies and practices seek to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between different parts of the community.

LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP

15. The items in this report have been circulated to LEP members in advance of coming forward to Cabinet.

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