



Audit & Governance Committee

20 June 2024

Title:	Constitution Review – Appointment to outside bodies protocol
Report of:	Edwina Adefehinti
Lead Member:	Cllr Edna Murphy- Governance
Public Report:	Yes
Key Decision:	No
Voting Arrangements:	Majority

Recommendations:

A	The Committee is invited to consider whether the protocol attached as Appendix 1 should be adopted by the Combined Authority.
B	The Committee is invited to recommend to the combined authority Board to agree the protocol which should be included in the constitution.

Strategic Objective(s):

The proposals within this report fit under the following strategic objective(s):

	The report improves the CPCA's corporate governance framework and helps to protect the interests of the CPCA and promote best value.
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1. Purpose

1.1	Even though the CPCA can appoint to outside bodies using its powers under the Localism Act, it is good practice and will provide clarity for a protocol for appointments to be adopted and annexed to the constitution.
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2. Proposal

2.1	For the Committee to consider whether any changes are required to the proposed protocol
2.2	For the committee to recommend that the Combined Authority Board approve and adopt the proposed protocol.

3. Background

3.1	The CPCA appoints to outside bodies. Such appointments may be made under the general power in Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011
3.2	Some appointments to outside bodies are made because of a statutory or legal requirement to appoint one or more members to them. In other cases, the constitution of several outside bodies require a CPCA member to be appointed, Others require representation from particular wards or are political appointments usually relating to the governmental nature of a body . However, some appointments to outside bodies will be discretionary, and take into consideration how representation on them adds value in terms of contributing towards the CPCA's priorities and strategic objectives.
3.2	The benefit of the CPCA appointing members to outside bodies is that it provides support to the organisation concerned, enables councillors to fulfil

4. Appendices

4.1	Appendix 1- Appointment to outside bodies protocol
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5. Implications

Financial Implications

5.1	Appointments to outside bodies do not currently come with any remuneration from the Combined Authority, so adoption of the policy has no direct financial implications.
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Legal Implications

6.1	Under the Constitution this committee has the responsibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> for ensuring the Combined Authority has effective policies and processes in place to ensure high standards of conduct by its Members and Co-opted Members for assisting the Members and Co-opted Members to observe the Code of Conduct and for implementing the obligation to ensure high standards of conduct amongst Members
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Public Health Implications

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Environmental & Climate Change Implications

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Other Significant Implications

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Background Papers

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