



Combined Authority Board

24 July 2024

Title:	Constitution Review – Appointment to Outside Bodies Protocol
Report of:	Edwina Adefehinti, Interim Head of Legal and Governance and Monitoring Officer
Lead Member:	Cllr Edna Murphy, Lead Member Governance
Public Report:	Yes
Key Decision:	No
Voting Arrangements:	Simple majority of voting members

Recommendations:

A	To approve the Appointment to Outside Bodies Protocol (Appendix A) for adoption by the Combined Authority and inclusion in the constitution.
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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.

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 Board to consider adoption of the proposed Appointment to Outside Bodies Protocol.
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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 and enables members to fulfil their roles as representatives of the combined authorities.
3.3	The Appointment to Outside Bodies Protocol was considered by the Combined Authority's Audit and Governance Committee on 20 June 2024. The committee resolved to make the recommendation to the Combined Authority Board to adopt the protocol.

4. Appendices

4.1	Appendix A. 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

5.2	Under the Constitution the Audit and Governance 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

5.3	None
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Environmental & Climate Change Implications

5.4	None
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Other Significant Implications

5.5	None
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Background Papers

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