

York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority

COMBINED AUTHORITY MEETING

23 FEBRUARY 2024

REPORTING OF URGENT DECISION

Report of the Interim Deputy Monitoring Officer

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The Combined Authority's Constitution delegates power to the Head of Paid Service in consultation with the Co-Chairs of the Combined Authority to take decisions in urgent or emergency situations.
- 1.2 This power is subject to reporting those decisions back to the Combined Authority.
- 1.3 This report contains details of urgent decisions made by the Interim Head of Paid Service in consultation with the Co-Chairs of the Combined Authority which the Combined Authority is asked to note.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the urgent decisions set out in the Appendices to the report, which were taken by the Interim Head of Paid Service, in consultation with the Co-Chairs of the Combined Authority, be noted.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 The need has arisen for urgent decisions to be taken by the Interim Head of Paid Service in consultation with the Co-Chairs of the Combined Authority in relation to appointments that were required to be made onto the Transport for the North Committees and the Board.
- 3.2 These decisions must be reported back to the Combined Authority and this report fulfils that requirement.
- 3.3 The combined outcome of the decisions is as follows:

Transport for the North Board – Councillor P Kilbane (CYC) with Councillor C Les (NYC) as substitute;

Transport for the North General Purposes Committee – Councillor C Les (NYC) with Councillor P Kilbane (CYC) as substitute;

Transport for the North Scrutiny Committee – Councillor P Haslam (NYC) with Councillor R Melly (CYC) as substitute.

Rail North Committee - Councillor P Kilbane (CYC) with Councillor C Les (NYC) as substitute.

- 3.4 In accordance with Part 3, Section E, paragraph 3.3 of the Constitution of the Combined Authority, the Head of Paid Service in consultation with the Co-Chairs of the Combined Authority is delegated power to take urgent decisions.
- 3.5 The ability of the Combined Authority to attend and vote at the Transport for the North Meetings allows for the Combined Authority to shape the future transport plans within the region. There was an urgency around the appointments in order that the Combined Authority could attend the scheduled Meetings, the first Meeting taking place on Thursday 8th February 2024. The decision, therefore, could be properly considered as in the interests of the Combined Authority.
- 3.6 A copy of the Decision Notices are attached as Appendices to this report. The Decision Notices set out the full details of the decisions made and the reasons for each decision.
- 3.7 All decisions are available on the Combined Authority's website.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

5.0 Legal Implications

- 5.1 There are no legal implications of this report. Any legal issues which were taken account in the decision making are recorded in the Decision Notice. The Combined Authority's Constitution requires those decisions to be reported back to the Combined Authority.

6.0 Equalities Implications

- 6.1 There are no equalities implications as a result of this report.

7.0 Environmental Implications

- 7.1 There are no environmental implications as a result of this report.

8.0 Combined Authority Areas Impacted (Council Areas/Wards/Divisions)

- 8.1 York and North Yorkshire Local Authority areas.

9.0 Recommendations

- 9.1 That the urgent decisions set out in the Appendices to the report, which were taken by the Interim Head of Paid Service, in consultation with the Co-Chairs of the Combined Authority, be noted.

10.0 Reasons For Recommendations

- 10.1 In order for the Combined Authority to note that urgent decisions have been taken by the Interim Head of Paid Service, in consultation with the Co-Chairs of the Combined Authority.

11.0 Contact Details

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Background papers - None

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Urgent Decision Report dated 5th February 2024

Appendix 2 – Urgent Decision Report dated 9th February 2024



York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority

URGENT POWERS

5 FEBRUARY 2024

TITLE OF DECISION: TRANSPORT FOR THE NORTH – URGENT DECISION

**OFFICER REQUESTING: RACHEL ANTONELLI,
INTERIM DEPUTY MONITORING OFFICER**

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 A decision is required to make appointments onto the Transport for the North which will provide an appointment to their Board, the General Purposes Committee and to the Scrutiny Committee. A Meeting of the General Purposes Committee is due to take place on Thursday 8th February 2024, which pre-dates the next Combined Authority Meeting and the Transport for the North have requested details of the appointments as soon as practicable now that the Combined Authority has been legally constituted.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 The Combined Authority, now it is in existence, plays a crucial role, alongside both City of York Council and North Yorkshire Council, in supporting the case for strategic transport improvements across the whole of the North, in particular North Yorkshire. This allows inclusive and sustainable transformational economic growth and rebalance of the UK economy to be driven across the region.

2.2 Attendance and the ability to participate and vote at Transport for the North Meetings allows for the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority to shape the future transport plans within the region. The appointments are required as soon as possible, in order that those appointed can be fully sighted on the items being discussed in order that they can make fully informed decisions going forward.

2.3 Since the creation of the Combined Authority, the Combined Authority, rather than the constituent authorities is allocated the seats on the Transport for the North Committees, with the Combined Authority Member getting the weighted voting for CYC and NYC where appropriate.

2.4 It is proposed that the positions and names of the appointments is as set out below:

a). Transport for the North Board:

- Councillor P Kilbane (CYC) with Councillor C Les (NYC) as substitute.

b). Transport for the North General Purposes Committee:

- Councillor C Les (NYC) with Councillor D Merrett (CYC) as substitute.

c). Transport for the North Scrutiny Committee:

- Councillor P Haslam (NYC) with Councillor R Melly (CYC) as substitute.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no financial implications arising from the urgent decision.

4.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority is a Member of the Transport for the North Board, the General Purposes Committee and the Scrutiny Committee in their own right. This urgent decision can be made in accordance with the constitution of the Combined Authority due to the need to have representation at the General Purposes Committee on Thursday 8th February 2024, as the next Meeting of the Combined Authority post-dates this Meeting. The urgent decision will be published at the offices of both Constituent Authorities (City of York and North Yorkshire Councils) and will be brought to the next Meeting of the Combined Authority.

4.2 This decision would be a Combined Authority decision under business as usual. The Co-Chairs of the Authority should be consulted on this decision.

5.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no additional direct implications arising from the recommended changes.

6.0 COMBINED AUTHORITY AREA IMPACTED

6.1 York and North Yorkshire.

7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 It is recommended that the Interim Head of Paid Service makes the appointments onto the Transport for the North Board, General Purposes Committee and to the Scrutiny Committee in order that the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority can be represented at these Meetings, including the General Purposes Committee that is due to take place on Thursday 8th February 2024. The appointments being:

Transport for the North Board – Councillor P Kilbane (CYC) with Councillor C Les (NYC) as substitute;

Transport for the North General Purposes Committee – Councillor C Les (NYC) with Councillor D Merrett (CYC) as substitute;

Transport for the North Scrutiny Committee – Councillor P Haslam (NYC) with Councillor R Melly (CYC) as substitute.

7.2 That the urgent decision is brought to the next Meeting of the Combined Authority, due to take place in February 2024.

8.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 The York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority has recently formally constituted and as a result of this the Authority needs to provide an appointment to the Transport for the North Board, the General Purposes Committee and the Scrutiny Committee. Making this decision under the urgency provisions allows for Combined Authority attendance at the Meeting on Thursday 8th February 2024.

9.0 CONSULTATION RECORD

9.1 According to the Constitution, under urgency powers, decisions usually taken by the Council and its Committees are taken by the Head of Paid Service following consultation with the appropriate elected Members.

9.2 The appropriate elected Members are:

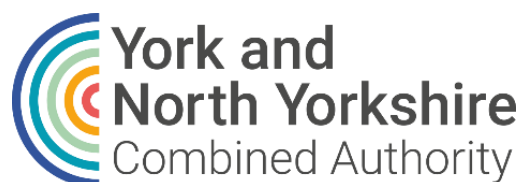
- The Leader of City of York Council and North Yorkshire Council as Co-Chairs of the Combined Authority.

Name of consultee	Councillor Claire Douglas –Co-Chair of the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority
This is urgently required in order to ensure that the Combined Authority are represented at the Meetings of the Transport for the North Committees and Board, in particular the General Purposes Committee that is scheduled to take place on Thursday 8 th February 2024.	
Date consultation completed	6 th February 2024

Name of consultee	Councillor Carl Les –Co-Chair of the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority
This is urgently required in order to ensure that the Combined Authority are represented at the Meetings of the Transport for the North Committees and Board, in particular the General Purposes Committee that is scheduled to take place on Thursday 8 th February 2024.	
Date consultation completed	6 th February 2024

10.0 DECISION

Decision of Interim Head of Paid Service based on consultation	The recommendations are approved.
Date	7 th February 2024



York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority

URGENT POWERS

9 FEBRUARY 2024

TITLE OF DECISION: TRANSPORT FOR THE NORTH – URGENT DECISION

**OFFICER REQUESTING: RACHEL ANTONELLI,
INTERIM DEPUTY MONITORING OFFICER**

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 A decision is required to make appointments onto the Transport for the North Committees which will provide a substitute appointment to their General Purposes Committee and appointment of a Member and substitute to the Rail North Committee. A Meeting of the Rail North Committee is due to take place on 21st February 2024, which pre-dates the next Combined Authority Meeting and the Transport for the North have requested details of the appointments as soon as practicable now that the Combined Authority has been legally constituted.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 The Combined Authority, now it is in existence, plays a crucial role, alongside both City of York Council and North Yorkshire Council, in supporting the case for strategic transport improvements across the whole of the North, in particular North Yorkshire. This allows inclusive and sustainable transformational economic growth and rebalance of the UK economy to be driven across the region.

2.2 Attendance and the ability to participate and vote at Transport for the North Meetings allows for the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority to shape the future transport plans within the region. The appointments are required as soon as possible, in order that those appointed can be fully sighted on the items

being discussed in order that they can make fully informed decisions going forward.

2.3 Since the creation of the Combined Authority, the Combined Authority, rather than the constituent authorities is allocated the seats on the Transport for the North Committees, with the Combined Authority Member getting the weighted voting for CYC and NYC where appropriate. This decision is made further to the previous urgent decision made on 7th February 2024.

2.4 It is proposed that the positions and names of the appointments is as set out below:

a). Transport for the North General Purposes Committee:

- Councillor C Les (NYC) with Councillor P Kilbane (CYC) as substitute.

b). Rail North Committee:

- Councillor P Kilbane (CYC) with Councillor C Les (NYC) as substitute.

2.5 The Transport for the North Scrutiny Committee remains as per the decision made on 7th February 2024 (Councillor P Haslam (NYC) and Councillor R Melly (CYC) as substitute.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no financial implications arising from the urgent decision.

4.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority is a Member of the Transport for the North General Purposes Committee and Rail North Committee in their own right. This urgent decision can be made in accordance with the constitution of the Combined Authority due to the need to have representation at the Rail North Committee on 21st February 2024 and the requirement to change the substitute appointment onto the General Purposes Committee from Councillor Merrett to Councillor Kilbane. This is due to the TfN constitution only permitting Membership and substitute appointments on the General Purposes Committee of the Member and substitute on the TfN Board. The same provision applies to

the Rail North Committee. The urgent decision will be brought to the next Meeting of the Combined Authority.

- 4.2 This decision would be a Combined Authority decision under business as usual. The Co-Chairs of the Authority should be consulted on this decision.

5.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no additional direct implications arising from the recommended changes.

6.0 COMBINED AUTHORITY AREA IMPACTED

- 6.1 York and North Yorkshire.

7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 It is recommended that the Interim Head of Paid Service makes the appointments onto the General Purposes Committee and to Rail North Committee in order that the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority can be represented at these. The appointments being:

a). Transport for the North General Purposes Committee:

- Councillor C Les (NYC) with Councillor P Kilbane (CYC) as substitute.

b). Rail North Committee:

- Councillor P Kilbane (CYC) with Councillor C Les (NYC) as substitute.

- 7.2 That the urgent decision is brought to the next Meeting of the Combined Authority, due to take place in February 2024.

8.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 The York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority has recently formally constituted and as a result of this the Authority needs to provide an appointment to the Transport for the North General Purposes Committee and the Rail North Committee. Making this decision under the urgency provisions allows for Combined Authority attendance at the Rail North Committee Meeting on 21st February 2024.

9.0 CONSULTATION RECORD

9.1 According to the Constitution, under urgency powers, decisions usually taken by the Council and its Committees are taken by the Head of Paid Service following consultation with the appropriate elected Members.

9.2 The appropriate elected Members are:

- The Leader of City of York Council and North Yorkshire Council as Co-Chairs of the Combined Authority.

Name of consultee	Councillor Claire Douglas –Co-Chair of the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority
This is urgently required in order to ensure that the Combined Authority are represented at the Meetings of the Transport for the North Committees.	
Date consultation completed	9 th February 2024

Name of consultee	Councillor Carl Les –Co-Chair of the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority
This is urgently required in order to ensure that the Combined Authority are represented at the Meetings of the Transport for the North Committees.	
Date consultation completed	8 th February 2024

10.0 DECISION

Decision of Interim Head of Paid Service based on consultation	The recommendations are approved.
Date	9 th February 2024