

URGENT POWERS

5 FEBRUARY 2024

**TITLE OF DECISION: OUTSIDE BODY APPOINTMENTS - 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
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Date consultation completed	6 th February 2024

Name of consultee	Councillor Carl Les –Co-Chair of the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority
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10.0 DECISION

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