

York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Civic Centre, Harrogate on Friday 28 June 2024 commencing at 3.00 pm

Present: Mayor David Skaith in the Chair. City of York Councillor Claire Douglas, City of York Councillor Peter Kilbane, North Yorkshire Councillor Carl Les and North Yorkshire Councillor Annabel Wilkinson

Officers present:

YNYCA - James Farrar, Rachel Antonelli and Sara Jeffs

NYC – Richard Flinton, Barry Khan and Elizabeth Jackson

CA24-16 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence had been received from Councillor Gareth Dadd and notification had been received that Councillor Annabel Wilkinson was to act as substitute for Councillor Dadd.

CA24-17 Minutes of the meeting of the Combined Authority held on 31 May 2024

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority held on 31 May 2024 were submitted.

Sara Jeffs, Head of Human Resources, reported that in relation to Minute CA24-12 paragraph 2 the word 'unanimous' should be replaced by the word 'majority' to reflect the decision of the interview panel. Barry Khan, Interim Monitoring Officer, confirmed that the clarification had been received following the meeting held on 31 May 2024.

Resolved (unanimously) –

That the minutes of the meeting of the Combined Authority held on 31 May 2024, as amended, be approved as a correct record.

CA24-18 Declarations of Interest

The Deputy Interim Monitoring Officer, reported that James Farrar had an interest in agenda item 5 and would leave the meeting room for consideration of the item.

CA24-19 Public Participation

There were no public questions.

CA24-20 Appointment of Head of Paid Service (Chief Executive)

Considered –

A report of the Head of Human Resources in which approval was sought for the final appointment to the role of Head of Paid Service, following the recent recruitment process.

Sara Jeffs presented the report and advised that under section 4 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 the Combined Authority was required to appoint an officer to discharge the functions of the Head of Paid Service. Following a recruitment process James Farrar had been appointed to the role of Chief executive and it was proposed that he now be appointed as the Head of Paid Service.

Resolved (unanimously) –

That the Combined Authority formally appoints James Farrar as the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority's Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service.

(James Farrar left the meeting room for this item)

CA24-21 Committee Appointments and Representation on Outside Bodies

Considered –

A report of the Interim Deputy Monitoring Officer providing an update on the nomination of Members onto the Combined Authority's committees, the appointment of a Chair to the Audit and Governance Committee and making recommendations relating to the representation of the Combined Authority on Outside Bodies.

Rachel Antonelli, Interim Deputy Monitoring Officer, presented the report and advised that a paper intended for consideration at the May meeting of the Combined Authority had been deferred for further discussions. A nuance in the regulations for Combined Authorities meant proportionality related to political parties, not political groups, and the table at paragraph 3.2 set out the politically proportionate appointments for each political party. The political balance could be obtained through a number of scenarios and it was for the Combined Authority to determine its preferred option.

The two options for appointments to the Audit and Governance Committee and Overview and Scrutiny Committee were presented to the Combined Authority, and option 1 was set out in Appendix A to the report.

The Constitution of the Combined Authority provided for the Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee to be appointed by the Combined Authority. Councillor Claire Douglas proposed that City of York Councillor D Merrett be appointed Chair and this was seconded by Councillor Carl Les.

Resolved – that:

1. the following Members be appointed to the Audit and Governance Committee:

York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority Audit and Governance Committee

Member	Constituent Authority	Group
Councillor C Pearson	NYC	Conservative
Councillor C Lunn	NYC	Conservative
Councillor C Goodrick	NYC	Conservative
Councillor D Merrett	CYC	Labour
Councillor R Melly	CYC	Labour
Councillor P Broadbank	NYC	Liberal Democrat
TBC	CYC	Liberal Democrat
Councillor M Warters	CYC	Independent

(Unanimous decision)

2. the following Members be appointed to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Member	Constituent Authority	Group
Councillor R Foster	NYC	Conservative
Councillor S Watson	NYC	Conservative
Councillor A Williams	NYC	Conservative
Councillor M Rowley	CYC	Conservative
Councillor S Shaw-Wright	NYC	Labour
Councillor D Merrett	CYC	Labour
Councillor J Burton	CYC	Labour
Councillor E Pearson	CYC	Liberal Democrat
Councillor A Waller	CYC	Liberal Democrat
TBC	CYC	Liberal Democrat
Councillor L Burr	NYC	NY Independent
Councillor A Warneken	NYC	Green

(Unanimous decision)

3. Councillor D Merrett be appointed Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee

(Unanimous decision)

4. The following appointments be made to outside bodies for the municipal year 2024/25

York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority Skills and Employability Working Group

Member	Constituent Authority
Councillor Peter Kilbane	CYC
Councillor Robert Webb	CYC
Councillor Mark Crane	NYC
Councillor Annabel Wilkinson	NYC

Transport for the North

Committee	Member	Constituent Authority	Substitute	Constituent Authority
Transport for the North Board and Partnership Board	Mayor D Skaith	Y&NYCA	Councillor P Kilbane	CYC
General Purposes Committee	Mayor D Skaith	Y&NYCA	Councillor P Kilbane	CYC
Rail North Committee	Councillor P Kilbane	CYC	Mayor D Skaith	Y&NYCA
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Councillor P Haslam	NYC	Councillor R Melly	CYC

(Unanimous decision)

The meeting concluded at 3.12 pm