

## Mayoral Combined Authority Board

5 June 2023

### Nominations and Appointments to Boards 2023/24

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<b>Is the paper exempt from the press and public?</b>	No
<b>Reason why exempt:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Purpose of this report:</b>	Governance
<b>Is this a Key Decision?</b>	No
<b>Has it been included on the Forward Plan?</b>	Not a Key Decision

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#### Executive Summary

This report:

- Informs the MCA Board of the second rotational Member appointments, required to ensure the Authority has a majority of constituent Members.
- Seeks approval of the elected member nominations for the Audit and Standards Committee.
- Seeks approval of the elected member nominations to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- Seeks approval of the appointment of Mayor Coppard to the Transport for the North Board and subsequently the Rail North Committee, Partnership Committee and General Purposes Committee.
- Seeks approval of Cllr Chris Read as substitute member for the Transport for the North Board and subsequently Rail North Committee, Partnership Committee and General Purposes Committee.
- Seeks endorsement of the nomination of two members to the Transport for the North Scrutiny Committee.
- Seeks endorsement of the nomination of one member to the Transport for the North Audit and Governance Committee.

## What does this mean for businesses, people and places in South Yorkshire?

Appointments to these committees will ensure that the MCA and partner Boards can function effectively and make decisions that have a positive impact on South Yorkshire communities.

### Recommendations

Members are asked to:

- Note the appointment of second rotational Member appointments, required to ensure the Authority has a majority of constituent Members.
- Approve the elected member nominations for the Audit and Standards Committee.
- Approve the continuing appointment of the existing two independent members for the Audit and Standards Committee pending a new recruitment process.
- Approve the elected member nominations to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- Approve the appointment of Mayor Oliver Coppard to the Transport for the North Board and subsequently the Rail North Committee and Transport for the North General Purposes Committee.
- Approve the appointment of Cllr Chris Read as substitute member for the Transport for the North Board and subsequently General Purposes Committee.
- Endorse seeking two Transport for the North Scrutiny Committee members.
- Endorse seeking nomination of one member to the Transport for the North Audit and Governance Committee.

### Consideration by any other Board, Committee, Assurance or Advisory Panel

n/a

#### 1. Background

- 1.1 Appointments to MCA Boards and committees are made on an annual basis in line with the MCA Constitution.

#### **Rotational Members:**

As required by primary legislation, which dictates that constituent member authorities must have a voting majority on the Mayoral Combined Authority, the Authority has agreed to appoint two second rotational Member appointments to meet this requirement.

The principle of appointing rotational Members will be adhered to until there is any amendment to the primary legislation. Rotational Members do not attend Authority meetings unless directed.

For 2023/24 the rotational members will be appointed from Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council and Sheffield City Council.

#### 2. Key Issues

##### 2.1 **Audit, Standards and Risk Committee**

The Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2016 prescribes a number of matters

determining how the Combined Authority must make arrangements for an Audit Committee including the need for political proportionality and the appointment of at least one independent person. At present there are two Independent Persons appointed whose terms expire in October 2025 and March 2026 respectively. Therefore, no recruitment is required for new appointments at this time.

The Authority must appoint such a number of members of each of the constituent councils to an Audit Committee, so that the members of the committee taken as a whole reflect, so far as reasonably practicable, the balance of political parties for the time being prevailing among members of the constituent councils when taken together.

Nominations, received by the time of publishing, for the Audit and Standards Committee are included in the Appendix.

A Chair will be appointed by the Committee following receipt of all nominations.

## 2.2 **Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

As determined by the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009; The Cities and Local Devolution Act 2016 and The Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2017 (SI 67) a number of matters are prescribed in respect of the membership and chairing arrangements of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

### **Member Composition**

The Combined Authority must appoint such a number of members of each of the constituent councils to an Overview and Scrutiny Committee, so that the members of the committee, taken as a whole reflect so far as reasonably practicable, the balance of political parties for the time being prevailing among members of the constituent councils when taken together. Non-Labour Member appointees are sought initially from the districts with the largest political minorities.

### **Chairing arrangements**

The Chair of the Committee will be a councillor from a different political party to the Mayor.

Nominations, received by the time of publishing, for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the possible candidates for Chair are set out in the Appendix.

## 2.3 **Appointments to outside bodies – Transport for the North**

Transport for the North (TfN) requires a number of nominations from each of its Constituent Authorities, which will be approved at its AGM on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023.

This report seeks approval to appoint Mayor Oliver Coppard to the TfN Board and formally re-appoint Cllr Read as the substitute member. Through this appointment Mayor Coppard and Cllr Read will also represent the Combined Authority on the TfN Partnership Board, Rail North Committee and TfN General Purposes Committee.

The main Member of the TfN Board must be the Mayor. The Members and substitute of the Rail North Committee, Partnership Committee and General

Purposes Committee must be the same nominees as to the TfN Board, but can be either the TfN Board Member, or the substitute.

- 2.4 The role of the appointed Members acting as the TfN Board is specified in the TfN constitution as:
- Collectively be the ultimate policy makers of TfN,
  - Bring the views of their communities into TfN's decision making process,
  - Maintain the highest standards of conduct and ethics,
  - In carrying out the business of TfN, will observe the Code of Conduct for members adopted by their appointing Authority.

- 2.5 In addition, the Combined Authority is entitled to appoint a member and substitute member to TfN scrutiny committee. The purpose of the Committee is to scrutinise the decisions recommended for approval by the Transport for the North Board and to make recommendations in relation to transport in the area.

Should the MCA wish to appoint such members nominations are sought. The only restriction is that the members cannot be the members appointed to the TfN Board above, they can be any member of the constituent authority.

- 2.6 The Combined Authority is also entitled to appoint a member to the TfN Audit and Governance Committee. 6 seats on this Committee are filled by Members drawn from the TfN's Constituent Authorities. Currently, 4 of these 6 elected members seats are unfilled.

Previously, such Constituent Authority members were required to be a member of the TfN Board (or the Board substitute member) but this requirement has been removed, in order to widen eligibility.

Should the MCA wish to appoint such members nominations are sought. They can be any member of the constituent authority.

## 2.7 **Member Induction and Development**

The MCA is committed to continuously developing the quality of the relationships and collaboration with its Board members, ensuring that they are equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge to be able to fully engage in the delivery of the MCA's business.

Members will undergo a structured approach to member training, delivered through an ongoing programme of activities, including:

- Receipt of a member induction handbook and appointment letter which include a commitment to core MCA policies and procedures (Code of Conduct, Expenses Declaration and Registers of Interest)
- Engagement with a programme of core introductory sessions with Statutory Officers and Executive Directors, and on SYMCA's core strategies and procedures
- Undertaking in-year surveying to identify and address specific learning and development needs.

### **3. Consultation on Proposal**

- 3.1 The MCA Executive Team has consulted with Local Authorities and Transport for the North regarding the appointments required.

### **4. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision**

- 4.1 Nominations will come into effect immediately.

### **5. Financial and Procurement Implications and Advice**

- 5.1 There are no financial implications associated with the appointments other than the agreed allowance made to independent members of the Audit and Standards Committee.

### **6. Legal Implications and Advice**

- 6.1 The membership requirements of all Boards and Committees is determined by the Constitution and the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (and regulations made there under).

### **7. Human Resources Implications and Advice**

- 7.1 There are no human resources implications relating to these appointments.

### **8. Equality and Diversity Implications and Advice**

- 8.1 The composition of the Boards is determined by the nominations made by Local Authorities.

### **9. Climate Change Implications and Advice**

- 9.1 An Impact Assessment is not required for this activity.

### **10. Information and Communication Technology Implications and Advice**

- 10.1 There are no information and communication technology implications relating to this activity.

### **11. Communications and Marketing Implications and Advice**

- 11.1 There are no communications and marketing implications relating to this activity.

### **List of Appendices Included**

- A Nominations from Local Authorities

### **Background Papers**

- MCA Constitution