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Appointment of Audit & Standards Committee Members

Purpose of Report

This report

- Notes the elected Member appointments to the SCR Audit & Standards Committee

Thematic Priority

N/A

Freedom of Information and Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

Under the Freedom of Information Act this paper and any appendices will be made available under the MCA Publication Scheme.

Recommendations

That the Authority:

1. Approves the elected Member appointments to the SCR Audit & Standards Committee
2. Approves the appointment of a further member(s) to achieve political balance.

1. Introduction

- 1.1** 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 organise arrangements for an Audit Committee including the need for political proportionality and the appointment of at least one independent person

2. SCR Audit & Standards Committee Elected Member Composition for 2019/20

- 2.1** 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.

- 2.2 The Member nominations currently provided by the constituent and non-constituent districts are as follows:

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| Barnsley | Cllr Jeff Ennis (Labour) Cllr Ken Richardson (Labour) |
| Bassetlaw | Cllr David Challinor (Labour) |
| Bolsover | 1 x Labour TBC (nomination expected 23/05/19) |
| Chesterfield | 1 x Labour TBC |
| Derbyshire Dales | 1 x Conservative TBC |
| Doncaster | Cllr Austin White (Labour) Cllr Allan Jones (Conservative) |
| North East Derbyshire | 1 x Conservative TBC (nomination expected 23/05/19) |
| Rotherham | 1 x Labour TBC 1 x UKIP TBC |
| Sheffield | 2 x Labour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Neale Gibson • tbc 1 x Lib Dem <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Ian Auckland |

- 2.3 Non-Labour Member appointees are sought initially from the SCR districts with the largest political minorities.

- 2.4 The requirement for the Committee to maintain political proportionality is actively monitored. Required changes to membership composition to meet this requirement will be actioned accordingly.

3. Consideration of alternative approaches

- 4.1 Compliance with appropriate legislation is not optional.

4. Implications

4.1 Financial

As per Part 6D of the SCR Constitution, no remuneration shall be payable by the Authority to elected members to attend of any committee established by it.

Remuneration for independent Persons is a matter to be considered at the 11th June meeting of the SCR Combined Authority. It is proposed Independent Persons will be paid at a rate of £312.50 per meeting to remunerate for preparatory time, travelling time and meeting time

4.2 Legal

The proposals will meet the requirements of the Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2016.

4.3 Risk Management

There are no direct risk implications in these areas arising from this report.

4.4 Equality, Diversity and Social Inclusion

There are no direct implications in these areas arising from this report.

5. Communications

- 5.1 There are no specific communication requirements.

6. Appendices/Annexes

- 6.1 None

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