

**Title: The North of Tyne Combined Authority – Appointment of Members to the Combined Authority and Nomination of Members to be appointed to the Committees/Sub-Committees of the Combined Authority.**

# **North Tyneside Council Report to Mrs N Redfearn CBE Elected Mayor Date: November 2018**

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**Portfolio(s): Elected Mayor**

**Cabinet Member(s): Mrs N Redfearn  
CBE**

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**Responsible Officer: Paul Hanson, Acting Chief Executive (Tel: (0191) 6437001)**

**Wards affected: All**

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## **PART 1**

### **1.1 Executive Summary:**

This report requests the Elected Mayor to use the authority given to her by Cabinet on 14 May 2018 to appoint and nominate representatives to serve on executive outside bodies, including any new executive outside bodies that may arise during the 2018/19 Municipal Year. In particular, the Elected Mayor is requested to make the necessary appointments to the Newcastle Upon Tyne, North Tyneside and Northumberland Combined Authority (“the Combined Authority”) and to nominate Members to be appointed to various Committees and Sub-Committees of the Combined Authority. These appointments and nominations will be subject to the Order being made establishing the Mayoral Combined Authority. It is anticipated that the Order will be made in late October or early November 2018.

### **1.2 Recommendation(s):**

It is recommended that the Elected Mayor:

- (1) Appoint the Members and Substitute Members of the Authority to serve as Members of the Newcastle Upon Tyne, North Tyneside and Northumberland Combined Authority; and
- (2) Nominate Members of the Authority to be appointed to the Committees and Sub-Committees of the Newcastle Upon Tyne, North Tyneside and Northumberland Combined Authority including Joint Committees.

### **1.3 Forward Plan:**

Twenty eight days notice of this report has been given and it first appeared on the Forward Plan that was published on 28 September 2018.

## **1.4 Council Plan and Policy Framework**

This report relates to the following priority(ies) in the 2018/20 Our North Tyneside Plan:

Our People, Our Places, Our Economy and Our Partners

## **1.5 Information:**

### **1.5.1 Background**

- 1.5.2 In late October or early November 2018 it is anticipated that the Secretary of State will make an Order establishing the Newcastle Upon Tyne, North Tyneside and Northumberland Combined Authority ("the Order") following completion of the necessary Parliamentary process. The Order will come into force the day after it is made by the Secretary of State.
- 1.5.3 Before making the Order, the Secretary of State has to be satisfied that making the Order is likely to improve the exercise of the statutory functions in the Combined Authority area and that the appropriate consents to the making of the Order have been obtained from the Constituent Authorities of both the Combined Authority and the North East Combined Authority.
- 1.5.4 The Order requires Newcastle City Council, North Tyneside Council and Northumberland County Council ("the North of Tyne Authorities") to each appoint two of its elected Members to be Members of the Combined Authority as well as appointing two substitute Members who will act as Members of the Combined Authority in the absence of the other Members appointed by the Authority.
- 1.5.5 Should any of the Members of the North of Tyne Authorities be appointed Interim Mayor of the Combined Authority, it will be necessary for the Authority from which the Interim Mayor is appointed to appoint another of its Members to be a Member of the Combined Authority. The Interim Mayor, who becomes the Chair of the Combined Authority, will cease holding that position on 6 May 2019, following the election of the Combined Authority's Elected Mayor.
- 1.5.6 The Order provides for the transfer of functions previously exercised by the North East Combined Authority either on behalf of or concurrently with the Constituent Authorities of the Combined Authority relating to transport and economic development and regeneration.
- 1.5.7 The Order specifies the transport, housing and regeneration functions that the Combined Authority and the Elected Mayor of the Combined Authority can exercise concurrently with its Constituent Authorities or other public bodies.
- 1.5.8 In addition to setting out the constitution of the Combined Authority, the Order imposes a duty on the Combined Authority to appoint to Committees specified in the Order. These Committees include:-
- A Joint Transport Committee that will be responsible for the exercise of transport functions specified in the Order on behalf of both NECA and the Combined Authority;
  - An Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the Combined Authority
  - An Audit and Standards Committee for the Combined Authority

- An Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the Joint Transport Committee
- An Audit Committee for the Joint Transport Committee.

- 1.5.9 In addition to the Committees that must be appointed under the Order, the Order permits the Joint Transport Committee to delegate the exercise of the transport functions given to it by the Order to a Sub-Committee. It is intended that the Joint Transport Committee will delegate the exercise of its transport functions relating to the Tyne and Wear Authority areas for both NECA and the Combined Authority to a Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee.
- 1.5.10 Attached to this report at Appendix 1 is a table showing the appointment of Members that needs to be made to the Combined Authority and the nominations that it is recommended be made to enable appointments to be made to the various Committees (including Joint Committees) and Sub-Committees of the Combined Authority by the Combined Authority or the Committees/Sub-Committees as appropriate.
- 1.5.11 A decision has been taken that although not a requirement of the Order, it is considered appropriate to have substitute Members nominated by each Authority for appointment to the Combined Authority's Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Audit and Standards Committee.
- 1.5.12 If Members of the Authority are to sit on any other Advisory Boards or Panels of the Combined Authority then a further report will be prepared for the Elected Mayor in this regard identifying the appointments to be made to such Boards or Panels.
- 1.5.13 The Order requires that the appointments to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Audit Committee of both the Combined Authority and the Joint Transport Committee should reflect, as far as reasonably practicable, the balance of the political parties prevailing among the members of the Constituent Authorities of both NECA and the Combined Authority in terms of the Joint Transport Committee and across the North of Tyne Area for the Combined Authority's Committees.

## **1.6 Decision options:**

The following decision options are available for consideration by the Elected Mayor:

### Option 1

To make the appointments and nominations to the Combined Authority and its Committees and Sub-Committees; or

### Option 2

Not to make the appointments and nominations.

Option 1 is the recommended option.

## **1.7 Reasons for recommended option:**

Option 1 is recommended for the following reasons:

Making the appointments to the Combined Authority will ensure that the Authority is represented at the Combined Authority in accordance with the terms of the Order establishing the Combined Authority.

Similarly, in making nominations of Members to represent the Authority on the Combined Authority's Committees (including Joint Committees) and Sub-Committees, both the Combined Authority and the Committees/Sub-Committees will be in a position to appoint the nominated elected Members of the Authority to those Committees and Sub-Committees without delay.

## **1.8 Appendices:**

Appendix 1: Table of Appointments/Nominations to be made to the North of Tyne Combined Authority and its Committees/Sub-Committees.

## **1.9 Contact officers:**

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## **1.10 Background information:**

The following background papers/information have been used in the compilation of this report and are available at the office of the author:

1. [draft Newcastle upon Tyne, North Tyneside and Northumberland Combined Authority \(Establishment and Functions\) Order 2018.](#)
2. [The Minutes of Cabinet held on 14 May 2018.](#)

# **PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING**

## **2.1 Finance and other resources**

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

The financial implications for the Authority in terms of the establishment of the Combined Authority have been fully dealt with in reports to both Council and Cabinet.

## **2.2 Legal**

The Order establishing the North of Tyne Combined Authority sets out the constitution of the North of Tyne Combined Authority and specifies the number of elected Members to be appointed to the Combined Authority by each of its Constituent Authorities.

The Order also specifies the number of Members from each of the Constituent Authorities that will be appointed to the Combined Authority's Committees, including the Joint Transport Committee that must be appointed by the Combined Authority and the North East Combined Authority.

## **2.3 Consultation/community engagement**

### **2.3.1 Internal Consultation**

Members and senior managers have been consulted on the establishment of the Combined Authority.

### 2.3.2 External Consultation/Engagement

Before making the Order establishing the Combined Authority, the Secretary of State has to be satisfied that the Constituent Authorities have undertaken public consultation on the proposals to establish the Combined Authority. Those proposals included the composition of the Combined Authority and proposed decision-making arrangements.

### 2.4 Human rights

There are no human rights implications in relation to this report.

### 2.5 Equalities and diversity

There are no equalities and diversity implications arising from this report.

### 2.6 Risk management

If the appointments are not made to the Combined Authority and its Committees and Sub-Committees there is a risk that the Combined Authority will not be properly constituted as required by the Order establishing it.

### 2.7 Crime and disorder

There are no crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

### 2.8 Environment and sustainability

There are no environment and sustainability implications arising from this report.

## PART 3 - SIGN OFF

- Acting Chief Executive ☒
- Head(s) of Service ☒
- Mayor/Cabinet Member(s) ☒
- Chief Finance Officer ☒
- Monitoring Officer ☒
- Head of Corporate Strategy and Customer Service ☒