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helping our people and businesses to create and seize opportunities*

<b>Combined County Authority Board</b>	
Date	17 June 2024 – Annual General Meeting
Report Title	Membership of the East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA)
Accountable EMCCA Board Member	Mayor Claire Ward
Accountable Chief Officer	Mark Rogers, Interim Chief Executive
Accountable Employee	Jodie Townsend, Interim Monitoring Officer
Report has been considered by	Informal Board
Key decision	No
Public Report	Yes
Voting Arrangements	A: Noting, no vote required B: Noting, no vote required C: By simple majority including the Mayor D: By simple majority including the Mayor E: By simple majority including the Mayor F: By simple majority including the Mayor
<b>Recommendation(s) for action or decision:</b>	
<b>The Combined County Authority is recommended to:</b>	
<b>A</b>	<b>Note the members and substitute members appointed by constituent councils to the Combined County Authority for 2024-25 as set out in <u>Appendix A</u>.</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>Note the members and substitute members appointed by nominating bodies to the Combined County Authority for 2024-25 to represent the District and Borough Councils of Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire as set out in <u>Appendix B</u>.</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>Approve the appointment of David Williams as the Chair of the Business Advisory Board for the remainder of the 2024/25 municipal year (as set out in paragraph 2.7)</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>Approve the appointment of Chris Jenkinson as an Associate Member of the Combined County Authority for the remainder of the 2024/25 municipal year (as set out in paragraph 2.8)</b>
<b>E</b>	<b>Approve the approach to the remaining associate memberships being provided to a representative of Higher Education and Further Education sectors as one, and Voluntary</b>

	<b>and Community and Social Enterprise – with further advice to the next meeting of the Board following engagement (as set out in paragraph 2.9 - 2.10)</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>Approve the Combined County Authority Calendar of Meetings attached at <u>Appendix C</u></b>

*The subject of this report is linked to a statutory requirement under the East Midlands Combined County Authority Regulations 2024 which requires each constituent council to appoint members and substitute members to the Combined Authority.*

*District and Borough Council representatives are appointed by nominating bodies designated by the Combined County Authority. The East Midlands Combined County Authority Regulations 2024 allow for the appointment of a maximum of 8 (combined) non-constituent and associate members of the Board.*

## **1. Purpose**

- 1.1 This report confirms the appointments to the East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA) Board of constituent and non-constituent members (and substitutes) for 2024-25.
- 1.2 The report also proposes appointments for other non-constituent and/or associate members.

## **2. Proposal**

### Constituent Council appointments

- 2.1 Each constituent council must appoint two elected members and two substitute members to the Combined County Authority (Board). Each constituent council made such appointments in May 2024. The appointments are set out in **Appendix A**.
- 2.2 Each constituent council also appointed two elected members and two substitute members to the EMCCA's advisory committees (for investment, transport, and skills employment). Appointments to these committees are required to reflect the political balance of the EMCCA Board, in this regard the Combined County Authority should be considered as the "relevant authorities" when interpreting sections 15 and 17 of the 1989 Act and not the constituent councils. The appointments are also set out in **Appendix A**.
- 2.3 Appointments to Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Audit & Governance Committee are covered in a separate report.

### Nominating Body appointments (district and borough councils)

- 2.4 The D2 Strategic Leadership Board (Derbyshire) and The City of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Economic Prosperity Committee (Nottinghamshire) have now met to accept their designation as nominating bodies for district and borough representatives to the EMCCA Board and to appoint the required representatives to the EMCCA Board.
- 2.5 The nominating bodies were each asked to appoint two district and borough elected members and substitute members to the EMCCA Board and each of the EMCCA's advisory committees. The appointments by each nominating body are set out in **Appendix B**.

### Appointment of Associate and/or other Non-Constituent Members to the EMCCA Board

- 2.6 The regulations state that there must be no more than eight non-constituent and associate members (combined). There are four non-constituent district and borough representatives, so the EMCCA Board can appoint four additional non-constituent and associate memberships to consider.
- 2.7 At the 20 March 2024 meeting of the Board, it was agreed that the Chair of the Business Advisory Board will be an associate member. It is proposed that the interim business representative should be

confirmed as Chair for the remainder of the 2024/25 year to oversee the establishment of the Board, as set out in the related paper for this agenda.

- 2.8 It is proposed that a second associate membership is provided to Chris Jenkinson for the remainder of the 2024-25 year, who has been proposed by the Midlands region of the Trade Union Congress and is East Midlands regional secretary of Unison. A trade union representative on the Board will provide the significant voice of employees to sit alongside that of the voice of business on the Board, given their membership rates and understanding of the region and its economy.
- 2.9 Is it proposed that a third associate membership be provided to a rotating representative of the Higher Education (HE) and Further Education (FE) sectors. Such representation would align with the skills, employment, innovation functions and ambitions of the EMCCA and add genuine value to Board considerations around these key areas. Engagement with representatives from the sector will be undertaken before further advice is provided to the next EMCCA Board.
- 2.10 It is then proposed that the fourth associate membership be provided to the Voluntary and Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector. Engagement with representatives from the sector will be undertaken before further advice is provided to the next EMCCA Board.

### Calendar of Meetings

- 2.11 A Calendar of meetings for the Combined County Authority is set out in **Appendix C**.
- 2.12 The calendar has been developed in consultation with each constituent council, with dates being drawn up based around the following principles:
- EMCCA Board not to clash with Council or Executive meetings at Constituent Councils
  - Meeting cycle to begin after summer holiday period (*with exception of Board/ Scrutiny*) to allow time for Mayoral onboarding, A&G Chair recruitment, Business Advisory Board recruitment
  - Meetings not to clash with school holidays, political party conferences, LGA conference where at all possible
  - No meetings in immediate period prior to elections
  - Investment Committee prior to Board to allow for limited time before recommendations are considered where possible
  - Overview & Scrutiny Committee prior to Board to allow comments on decisions to be taken at Board where possible

## **3. Background**

- 3.1 The East Midlands devolution deal signed in August 2022 enabled the creation of England's first Combined County Authority. The East Midlands Combined County Authority Regulations 2024 came into force on 28 February 2024, with the majority of its provisions applying immediately and the remaining provisions coming into force with the election of a Mayor for the East Midlands Combined County Authority area in May 2024. The EMCCA Board is now chaired by the Mayor and decisions can now be taken to fully constitute it.
- 3.2 The EMCCA Monitoring Officer produced guidance for the constituent councils in making their appointments to the EMCCA Board and provided similar guidance to support the nominating bodies in their nomination decisions.

## **4. Appendices**

- 4.1 Appendix A: Constituent Council appointments to the Combined County Authority and its Committees.
- 4.2 Appendix B: Nominating Body appointments to the Combined County Authority and its Committees.
- 4.3 Appendix C: Calendar of Meetings 2024/25

## **5. Implications**

### **Financial Implications**

- 5.1 In accordance with the East Midlands Combined County Authority Regulations 2024, no remuneration is payable to the Combined County Authority members other than allowances for travel and subsistence paid in accordance with a scheme drawn up by the Combined County Authority.
- 5.2 The Combined County Authority may pay an allowance following a review by an Independent Remuneration Panel to:
- a) the Mayor;
  - b) the deputy mayor provided that the deputy mayor is not a leader or elected mayor of a constituent council;
  - c) independent persons appointed under article 5 of the Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2017(1); and
  - d) members of the overview and scrutiny committee and members of the audit committee
- 5.3 The Combined County Authority may only pay an allowance to the people listed above if it has:
- a) considered a report published by the independent remuneration panel which contains recommendations for such an allowance; and
  - b) approved a scheme for the payment of the allowance providing that scheme does not provide for the payment of allowances of an amount in excess of the amount recommended by the independent remuneration panel.
- 5.4 A budget will need to be allocated to cover the costs of agreed payments for any allowances following a review of the Independent Remuneration Panel, this will be covered by the Combined County Authority budget allocation.

### **Legal Implications**

- 5.5 The East Midlands Combined County Authority Regulations 2024 set out the membership requirements for the Combined County Authority. The proposals within this report are in accordance with those regulations and the constitution.

### **Other Significant Implications**

- 5.6 There are no other implications identified within the body of this report.

#### Background Papers

- 5.7 [The East Midlands Combined County Authority Regulations 2024 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#)
- 5.8 Constitution: [Item 5 - Appendix A.pdf \(derbyshire.gov.uk\)](#)