

PUBLIC

MINUTES of a meeting of **East Midlands Combined County Authority - Board** held on Monday, 17 June 2024 at Council Chamber, Broxtowe Borough Council, Council Offices, Foster Avenue, Beeston, Nottinghamshire, NG9 1AB.

Present

Mayor Claire Ward (Chair)

Constituent Members

Councillors B Bradley (Nottinghamshire County Council), N Khan (Nottingham City Council), B Laughton (Nottinghamshire County Council), B Lewis (Derbyshire County Council), N Peatfield (Derby City Council), E Radford (Nottingham City Council), B Shanker (Derby City Council) and S Spencer (Derbyshire County Council)

Non-Constituent Members

Councillors T Gilby (Chesterfield Borough Council), A McKeown (High Peak Borough Council), P Peacock (Newark and Sherwood District Council) and M Radulovic (Broxtowe Borough Council)

10 WELCOME AND MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and said that she hoped that decisions that needed to be taken could be done collaboratively and with broad agreement, as had been the case to date, recognising the views of non-constituent and associate members.

11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from David Williams the Interim Business Representative.

12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Mayor informed the Board that that as she had a pecuniary interest in item 11 (Scheme of Allowances) she would be leaving the meeting during its consideration.

13 MINUTES OF THE COMBINED COUNTY AUTHORITY HELD ON 20 MARCH 2024

RESOLVED: To approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2024.

14 MEMBERSHIP OF THE EMCCA (BOARD)

Jodie Townsend (Interim Monitoring Officer) introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, confirming the appointments to the East Midlands Combined County Authority Board and other committees and related appointments as well as the calendar of meetings.

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.

Combined County Authority RESOLVED to unanimously agree:

- 1) Note the members and substitute members appointed by constituent councils to the Combined County Authority for 2024-25;
- 2) 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;
- 3) Approve the appointment of David Williams as the Chair of the Business Advisory Board for the remainder of the 2024/25 municipal year;
- 4) Approve the approach to the remaining associate memberships being provided to a representative of Higher Education and Further Education sectors as one, and Voluntary and Community and Social Enterprise – with further advice to the next meeting of the Board following engagement; and
- 5) Approve the Combined County Authority Calendar of Meetings

Combined County Authority RESOLVED to agree by majority:

- 6) Approve the appointment of Chris Jenkinson as an Associate Member of the Combined County Authority for the remainder of the 2024/25 municipal year

15 APPOINTMENTS TO THE EMCCA REGULATORY COMMITTEES

Jodie Townsend (Interim Monitoring Officer) introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, confirming appointment of Members onto the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Audit and Governance Committee of the Combined Authority. Members noted the contents of an additional document had been circulated at the meeting which gave the names of some further appointments.

The subject of this report is linked to a statutory requirement under the East Midlands Combined County Authority Regulations 2024 and the Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) (Amendment) Regulations 2024, which requires each constituent council to appoint members and substitute members to the Combined County Authority Regulatory Committees and reflect as reasonably as possible political balance.

Combined County Authority RESOLVED to unanimously agree:

- 1) Approve the political balance for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Audit and Governance Committee as set out in paragraph 2.10 of the report;
- 2) Note the appointment of the Member and substitute Member nominations by constituent councils and nominating bodies to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as set out in paragraph 2.17 of the report and in the document circulated at the meeting; and
- 3) Note the appointment of the Member and substitute Member nominations by constituent councils and nominating bodies to the Audit and Governance Committee as set out in paragraph 2.18 of the report and in the document circulated at the meeting.

16 AEB READINESS CONDITIONS

Richard Grice (Interim Strategy and Delivery Lead) introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, setting out for ratification the Adult Education Budget Readiness Conditions that were submitted to the Department of Education on 31 May 2024.

Combined County Authority RESOLVED to unanimously agree:

- 1) Ratify the Adult Education Budget Readiness Conditions that were submitted to the Department of Education on 31 May 2024.

17 BROWNFIELD HOUSING FUND

Richard Grice (Interim Strategy and Delivery Lead) introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, which proposed to delegate authority to the Mayor, in consultation with the four constituent council Lead Members, to approve the preferred selection of schemes for the Combined County Authority to meet its Brownfield Housing Fund timetable obligations to the Department of Levelling Up Housing and Communities (DLUHC).

Combined County Authority RESOLVED to unanimously agree:

- 1) Delegate authority to approve the preferred selection of schemes for the Combined County Authority to meet its Brownfield Housing Fund timetable obligations to DLUHC to the Mayor, in consultation with the four constituent council Lead Members.

18 EAST MIDLANDS INVESTMENT ZONE

Richard Grice (Interim Strategy and Policy Lead) introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, which updated the Board on progress towards the East Midlands Investment Zone.

Combined County Authority RESOLVED to unanimously agree:

- 1) Note the East Midlands Investment Zone (EMIZ) has completed Gateway 5 and the progress on developing an Annual Delivery plan;
- 2) Approve adoption of EMIZ funding into the EMCCA budget; and
- 3) Approve delegation of decisions on initial 'sprint' investments, as set out in paragraph 2.4 of the report to the Mayor, in consultation with Leaders of the four constituent councils.

19 BUSINESS ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERSHIP AND RECRUITMENT

Jodie Townsend (Interim Monitoring Officer) introduced a report, which was circulated in advance of the meeting, setting out the proposed approach to membership of the Business Advisory Board and provide details of the intended recruitment process as well as seeking delegated authority for the appointment of the Business Advisory Board.

Combined County Authority RESOLVED to unanimously agree:

- 1) Approve the revised Terms of Reference for the Business Advisory Board attached at Appendix A to the report;
- 2) Approve the recruitment process for Business Advisory Board membership set out in section 4 of this report, including appendices B and C to the report; and
- 3) Delegate appointments to the Business Advisory Board to the Mayor and Chair of the Business Advisory Board, in consultation with the Appointments Panel as set out in the recruitment process in section 4 of this report.

20 SCHEME OF ALLOWANCES

Jodie Townsend (Interim Monitoring Officer) introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, which set out the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel regarding allowances. It was clarified that there should be twelve member allowances payable for each of the regulatory committees rather than eight as stated in the financial implications of the report.

Following a general discussion, Mayor Claire Ward left the meeting during detailed consideration and voting upon the recommendations with Councillor Barry Lewis taking the Chair.

Combined County Authority RESOLVED to unanimously agree:

- 1) Approve the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel attached at Appendix A to the report; and
- 2) Adopt the East Midlands Combined County Authority Mayor and Members Allowances Scheme attached to Appendix B to the report.

21 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

The Mayor Claire Ward resumed the Chair.

Jodie Townsend (Interim Monitoring Officer) introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, which noted and considered proposed amendments to the East Midlands County Combined Authority Constitution.

Combined County Authority RESOLVED to unanimously agree:

- 1) Note the amendment to constitution made by Monitoring Officer under delegated authority as set out in paragraph 2.8 of the report;
- 2) Amend the Officer Employment Procedure Rules as set out in Appendix A to the report; and
- 3) Amend the scheme of delegations as set out in Appendix B.

The meeting finished at 12.50 pm