

General Purposes Committee Consultation Call Minutes

Thursday 08 February 2024

Virtual

Present:

Attendee	Local Authority
Cllr Laura Crane	Cheshire East;
Cllr Denise Rollo	Cumberland;
Cllr Martin Gannon	North East Combined Authority;
Cllr Susan Hinchcliffe	West Yorkshire Combined Authority;
Cllr Carl Les (Chair)	York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority;
Cllr Hans Mundry	Warrington;

Officers in Attendance:

Name	Job Title
Lord McLoughlin	Chair of TfN Board
Martin Tugwell	Chief Executive
Katie Day	Director of Policy and Communications
Stephen Hipwell	Head of HR
Julie Openshaw	Head of Legal
Ged Kavanagh	Senior Organisation Development Partner
Joanne Barclay	Senior Solicitor

**Item
No:**

Item

1 Welcome and Apologies

1.1 The Chief Executive welcomed Members to the meeting and apologies were noted.

2 Appointment of Chair

2.1 The Chief Executive informed the Committee that the previous Chair is no longer a member of the Committee and sought expressions of interest to Chair the Committee. Cllr Les volunteered, and this was proposed by Cllr Hinchcliffe and seconded by Cllr Gannon.

Resolved:

That Cllr Les Chair the Committee meeting.

3 Declarations of Interest

3.1 There were no declarations of Interest

4 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- 4.1 The minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held 19 July 2023 were considered and there were no matters arising. The minutes were proposed by Cllr Hinchcliffe and seconded by Cllr Gannon.

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2023 be noted and confirmed as a correct record.

5 Transport for the North Board Business Representation

- 5.1 Members received the report from the Head of Legal who together with the Director of Strategy, Analysis and Communications, outlined the key points and the proposal before the Committee for its consideration.
- 5.2 Cllr Gannon moved that the proposed recommendations be approved, and this was seconded by Cllr Hinchcliffe.

Resolved:

- 1) That the Committee recommends to the TfN Board that effective business representation on the Board and Partnership Board remains appropriate.
- 2) That the Committee recommends to the TfN Board that Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) representatives remain co-opted members to the Board and Partnership Board; and where the LEP no longer exists and/or has changed, a representative from their successor body becomes the co-opted member and is determined by the relevant body;
- 3) That the Committee recommends that these new arrangements, if agreed, are reviewed in early 2025, given the emergence of a new pan-regional partnership for the North.

6 Forthcoming Combined Authority Changes

- 6.1 Members received the report from the Head of Legal who outlined the key points and the implications of various devolution deals on the membership of TfN.
- 6.2 Cllr Hinchcliffe congratulated those authorities who had been successful in securing devolution and wished them every success.

Resolved:

- 1) That the Committee notes the forthcoming changes to the Constituent Authorities on TfN's Board and the effective dates.
- 2) That the Committee notes that the necessary consequential amendments will be made to the Constitution under the delegated power of the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Chief Executive and reported to Board on 20 March 2024.

7 Exclusion of the Press and Public

To resolve that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Item 8 and 9 on the grounds that:

They involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as set out in Paragraphs 1 & 2 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and that

the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

8 Private Minutes of the Previous Meeting

8.1 The private minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held 19 July 2023 were considered and there were no matters arising.

Resolved:

That the private minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2023 be noted.

9 Chair and Chief Executive Objectives review 2023/24 and objective setting 2024/25

9.1 The report was received by Members who were then invited to ask questions and make comments.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.