

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Report of the Director of
Legal & Governance**

Sheffield City Region Combined Authority – Appointment of Scrutiny Panel

1. Purpose of Report

To approve the nomination of the Council's representatives on the proposed Sheffield City Region Combined Authority Scrutiny Panel.

2. Recommendations

That the Council nominate two members to serve on the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority Scrutiny Panel, on the basis outlined at paragraph 4.3 of the report.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Sheffield City Region Combined Authority (the CA) is comprised of nine local authorities, the four South Yorkshire councils and five in north Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire. The CA came into being in April 2014 and has a range of economic development and transport powers.
- 3.2 Barnsley Council is represented on the CA by the Leader of the Council and has two representatives on the CA's Transport for Sheffield City Region Committee, Councillors Miller and Leech.
- 3.3 The Statutory Order establishing the CA sets out its arrangements and powers, and requires that the CA establishes a Scrutiny Committee or Panel. This report considers the arrangements for Scrutiny of the CA.

4. Proposal

- 4.1 At its meeting on 2nd June 2014, the CA considered the Scrutiny arrangements and agreed to establish an Overview and Scrutiny Panel of 14 members drawn from across the Sheffield City Region authorities to meet quarterly.
- 4.2 Taking account of the political balance across the nine authorities, the CA has agreed the following arrangements, also having regard to relative strengths of representation on each authority:

4.2.1 Overall political balance

- Labour 9
- Conservative 2
- Liberal Democrat 1
- UKIP 1
- Independent 1

4.2.2 Split between authorities:

District	Representatives
Barnsley	1 x Labour, 1 x Barnsley Independent Group
Bassetlaw	1 x Labour (Chair)
Bolsover	1 x Labour
Chesterfield	1 x Labour
Derbyshire Dales	1 x Conservative
Doncaster	1 x Labour, 1 x Conservative
North East Derbyshire	1 x Labour
Rotherham	1 x Labour, 1 x UKIP
Sheffield	2 x Labour, 1 x Liberal Democrat
Total	14

- 4.3 Council is therefore requested to approve the nomination of one Labour member and one Barnsley Independent Group member to serve on the CA Scrutiny Panel.

5. Background Papers

- 5.1 Report to Cabinet on 12th February 2014 regarding the Combined Authority arrangements.
- 5.2 Draft minutes of the Combined Authority meeting held on 2nd June 2014.

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