

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Membership, Political Balance, and Appointments to Committees</b>	<b>Status</b>	For Publication
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## **1 Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To approve appointments to the Authority's Committee's for the 2023/24 Municipal Year in line with the political balance rules applying to the Authority.
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## **2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 Members are recommended to:
- a. **Note the members appointed to the Authority by the District Councils.**
  - b. **Note the members appointed to answer questions in the meetings of the District Councils' Full Council.**
  - c. **Provide nominations to serve on the various Committees**
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## **3 Link to Corporate Objectives**

- 3.1 This report links to the delivery of the following corporate objectives:  
**Effective and Transparent Governance**

To uphold effective governance showing prudence and propriety at all times.

## **4 Implications for the Corporate Risk Register**

The actions outlined in this report relate to risks around legal compliance contained in the Corporate Risk Register.

## 5 Background and Options

### *Membership*

- 5.1 The following Councillors have been appointed to the Authority by each of the District Councils for the 2023/24 Municipal Year.

Barnsley MBC 2 Members	City of Doncaster Council 3 Members	Rotherham MBC 2 Members	Sheffield CC 5 Members	Non-Voting Co-opted Members 3 Members
Roy Bowser	Steve Cox	David Fisher	Simon Clement-Jones	Nicola Doolan-Hamer (Unison)
Mick Stowe	John Mounsey	Marnie Havard	Alexi Dimond	Garry Warwick (GMB)
	David Nevett		Jayne Dunn	TBC (Unite)
			Craig Gamble Pugh Andrew Sangar	

- 5.2 The following members have been designated by the District Councils as the s41 Members whose role is to answer questions about the work of the Authority in meetings of the relevant full Council.

	Barnsley MBC	City of Doncaster Council	Rotherham MBC	Sheffield CC
<b>S 41 Member</b>	Mick Stowe	John Mounsey	Marnie Havard	Jayne Dunn

- 5.3 While not affecting the overall balance of the Authority, members should note that Mr Patterson is due to retire following this meeting and that Unite have been asked to nominate a replacement.

### *Political Balance and Appointment of Committees of the Authority*

- 5.4 While, in distinction to the District Councils, a system of political groups does not operate within the Pensions Authority, it is made up of elected councillors appointed in line with the relevant political balance rules and the Authority must also follow those rules in appointing to any committees which it chooses to create.

- 5.5 The Authority's Constitution following the recent review, which is reported elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting, provides for three Committees.

- Audit and Governance Committee – This is chaired by the Authority's Vice Chair. The terms of reference mirror those of audit committees generally including responsibilities for the approval of the accounts, receiving reports from internal and external auditors, dealing with the risk management framework and related issues. The Committee meets four times per municipal year.
- The Staffing Committee – This is chaired by the Authority Chair and should comprise the s41 members together with a proportionate number of non-Labour

councillors. The terms of reference include dealing with significant staffing changes (affecting more than 5 FTE) and other staffing policy issues which require member consideration. The Committee meets on an ad-hoc basis although, given known business, one meeting has been scheduled for this year.

- The Appointments and Appeals Committee – It is recommended that this Committee have identical membership to the Staffing Committee, given the terms of reference which include the appointment of the Director and other officers and of the independent investment advisers and various appeals functions. The Committee meets on an ad-hoc basis but given known business, one meeting has already been scheduled for this year.

5.6 The table below provides the current balance of membership of the Authority following the appointments after the 2023 local elections, reflecting the political balance across South Yorkshire.

	Conservative	Green Party	Independent	Labour	Liberal Democrat	Total
Barnsley				2		2
Doncaster	1			2		3
Rotherham	1			1		2
Sheffield		1		2	2	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>% of Total - Authority</b>	<b>16.7%</b>	<b>8.3%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>58.3%</b>	<b>16.7%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

5.7 This leads to the allocation of seats on Committees as shown below:

	Conservative	Green Party	Independent	Labour	Liberal Democrat	Total
<b>Committees:</b>						
Audit and Governance	1	1		3	1	6
Appointments and Appeals	1			4	1	6
Staffing	1			4	1	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Total Seats</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>% of Total Seats</b>	<b>16.7%</b>	<b>6.7%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>60.0%</b>	<b>16.7%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

5.8 The above represents the closest approximation to exact political balance possible given the number of seats available.

5.9 Members are invited to make nominations for the Committees at this meeting. Given the nature of business to be transacted at the Appointments and Appeals and the Staffing Committees it is recommended that the same members are appointed to both Committees.

## 6 **Implications**

6.1 The proposals outlined in this report have the following implications:

Financial	None – the members allowance scheme caters for committee membership within the calculated allowances
Human Resources	None
ICT	None
Legal	Maintaining political balance in appointments to committees is a legal requirement.
Procurement	None

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<b>Background Papers</b>	
<b>Document</b>	<b>Place of Inspection</b>