

CABINET MEETING – 16 APRIL 2014
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

Nominations to the Committees to be established by the Combined Authority

Author(s):

Joint Report of the Chief Executive and the Head of Law and Governance

Purpose of Report:

To seek Cabinet nominations for the Committees of the Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle Upon Tyne, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside and Sunderland Combined Authority (the Combined Authority).

Description of Decision:

Cabinet is requested to:-

1. Provide the nominations requested in paragraphs 4.1 and 4.2 of the report.
2. Note the appointments to be made by the Leader as set out in paragraph 5.1 of the report.

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

***Yes/No**

If not, Council approval is required to change the Budget/Policy Framework

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

The Combined Authority is expected to come into operation during April 2014, and early meetings of its committees together with the joint committee and sub-committee will take place. Council has delegated authority to Cabinet to make the nominations required for the Combined Authority up until Annual Council on 11th June 2014.

Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:

If nominations were not made until Annual Council in June 2014, Sunderland City Council would not be represented on the committees of the Combined Authority until that time. Therefore that option is recommended to be rejected.

Impacts analysed:

Equality **Privacy** **Sustainability** **Crime and Disorder**

**Is this a "Key Decision" as defined in
the Constitution? No**

**Is it included in the 28 day Notice of
Decisions? No**

Scrutiny Committee

NOMINATIONS TO THE COMMITTEES TO BE ESTABLISHED BY THE COMBINED AUTHORITY**Report of the Chief Executive and the Head of Law and Governance.****1.0 Purpose of the Report.**

1.1 To seek Cabinet nominations for the Committees of the Combined Authority.

2.0 Description of Decision (Recommendation)

2.1 Cabinet is requested to:-

1. Provide the nominations requested in paragraphs 4.1 and 4.2 of the report.
2. Note the appointments to be made by the Leader as set out in paragraph 5.1 of the report.

3.0 Background

3.1 On 24th July 2013 Council endorsed Cabinet's decision to agree the submission to Government of a Scheme for the creation of a Combined Authority consisting of the Tyne and Wear Councils along with Northumberland and Durham County Councils. Following a Government consultation, the Statutory Order creating the Combined Authority has been laid before Parliament, with an anticipated start date during April 2014.

3.2 At its meeting on 26th March 2014, Council appointed the Leader of the Council as this Authority's Member of the Combined Authority, and appointed the Deputy Leader of the Council as the Substitute Member, as required by the Order.

3.3 The Combined Authority will make appointments to its committees, following approval of its Constitution on the first day it becomes operative under the Order. The draft Constitution provides for two members from each constituent authority to sit on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and one Member from each authority to sit on the Governance Committee. On 26th March 2014, Council delegated authority to Cabinet to nominate Members to those Committees, such delegated authority to operate in the period until Annual Council.

3.4 A joint committee of the Combined Authority and the seven constituent authorities is also to be established, together with a sub-committee thereof (Transport North East Committee and Transport North East (Tyne and Wear) Sub-Committee). The Leader of the Council has authority under the Council's Constitution to make appointments to the joint committee and sub-committee.

4.0 Combined Authority Committee Nominations

4.1 The Governance Committee will be made up of one Member from each constituent authority and two non-voting co-opted members. Cabinet is requested to nominate the Member for the Governance Committee of the Combined Authority.

4.2 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be made up of two Members from each constituent authority. Cabinet is requested to nominate the Members for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the Combined Authority.

5.0 Joint Committee and Sub-Committee Appointments.

5.1 The Leader will appoint two members to the Transport North East Committee, and one Member to the Transport North East (Tyne and Wear) Sub-Committee.

6.0 Reason for Decision

6.1 The Combined Authority is expected to come into operation during April 2014, and early meetings of its committees together with the joint committee and sub-committee will take place. Council has delegated power to Cabinet to make the nominations required for the Combined Authority up until Annual Council on 11th June 2014.

7.0 Alternative Option Recommended to be Rejected.

7.1 If nominations were not made until Annual Council in June 2014, Sunderland City Council would not be represented on the committees of the Combined Authority until that time. Therefore that option is recommended to be rejected.

8.0 Background Papers

- i) Cabinet Report – Creation of Combined Authority – 24 June 2013.
- ii) Council Report – Appointments – Combined Authority – 26 March 2014.
- iii) Draft Statutory Instrument – The Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle upon Tyne, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside and Sunderland Combined Authority Order 2014.