DATE: 31st May 2019

SUBJECT: GMCA Appointments to Audit Committee Overview and Scrutiny Committees and Transport for the North Board

REPORT OF: Liz Treacy, GMCA Monitoring Officer

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report requests members to agree to appoint to the GMCA’s Audit Committee, Overview and Scrutiny Committees and the substitute’s pool and Transport for the North Board as soon as districts agree nominations at their district annual meetings during May 2019. This will ensure that the new committees are constituted as soon as possible for meetings due to be held in June.

Please note that due to the timing of District Council Annual Meetings the names of the proposed committee members and substitutes will be tabled at the meeting.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are requested to:

1. To appoint 4 members (3 Labour and 1 Conservative) and 2 members as substitute members to the Audit Committee for the period up to 20 April 2020.

2. To note that the GMCA in June 2017 appointed Gwyn Griffiths and Catherine Scivier as Independent Members of the GMCA Audit Committee for a term of office for three years.

3. To appoint to the three Overview & Scrutiny Committees, 15 members each, having regard to any nominations received from the constituent councils (ensuring political balance is met; 11 Labour, 3 Conservatives and 1 Liberal Democrat per Committee) for the period up to 20 April 2020.

The 3 Overview & Scrutiny Committees for 2018/19 are:

- Corporate Issues & Reform
4. To appoint up to 16 members to the GMCA scrutiny substitute’s pool for the period up to 20 April 2020.

5. To note the appointment of the GM Mayor to the Transport for the North Board.

6. To appoint 1 GMCA member as a substitute member of the Transport for the North Board for the period up to 20 April 2020.

7. To appoint 1 member and 1 substitute member act as the GMCA’s member, from the nominations received from the GM Local Authorities, to the Transport for the North Board for the period up to 20 April 2020.

3. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Correspondence between the GMCA and Greater Manchester Local Authorities.

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4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

4.1 Audit Committee

The GMCA is requested to **appoint 4 members (3 Labour and 1 Conservative) and 2 substitute members** from the nominations received from the GM Local Authorities to the Audit Committee for 2019/20 (to be tabled).

**NOTE:**

i. Please note that the members, substitute members or Assistant Portfolio Holders of the GMCA cannot be members of the Committee.

ii. Appointments to the above committee will reflect, where reasonably practicable, the balance of political parties for the time being prevailing amongst the Constituent Councils when taken together.

iii. The Audit Committee oversees all aspects of GMCA including Mayoral functions. The Mayor has also established an Audit panel, which oversees the control environment of the Chief Constable.

iv. In 2018/19, representatives were Colin McLaren (Oldham) (Lab), Sarah Russell (Manchester) (Lab), Chris Boyes (Trafford)(Con) and Richard Marshal (Wigan) (Lab) and substitute members were James Grundy (Wigan) (Lab) and Mary Whitby (Bury) (Lab)

4.2 Scrutiny Committees

The GMCA’s constitution approved at the 30 June 2018 meeting re-confirmed that the GMCA should have the following three scrutiny committees during 2019/20:

- CORPORATE ISSUES AND REFORM
- ECONOMY, BUSINESS GROWTH AND SKILLS
- HOUSING, PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

Each committee will have a membership of 15 and at least 1 member from each district.

Committee membership reflects the political balance across Greater Manchester, which means that each committee during 2019/20 will have 11 Labour members, 3 Conservative members and 1 Liberal Democrat.
Membership of all committees should have due regard to equality and diversity and should strive to reflect the conurbation’s population.

Each Committee’s Chair will be appointed from its members.

The Chair must be a member of the committee who is an ‘appropriate person’ who is a member of one of the Constituent Councils.

An appropriate person means:

- A person who is not a member of a registered political Party of which the Mayor is a member;
- or where the Mayor is not a member of a registered political party, a person who is not a member of a registered political party which has the most representatives among the members of the Constituent Councils on the GMCA or, where two or more parties have the same number of representatives, a member of either of those parties.

Scrutiny Committees may choose to appoint a vice-chair who should also be an appropriate person as described above.

**NOTE:** The scrutiny of health, wellbeing and social care will continue to operate as a joint committee of the ten districts, with District Council appointment to be reported to the GMCA Annual Meeting in June 2019.

### 4.3 Transport for the North Board

The GMCA is requested to **note the appointment** of the GM Mayor to the Transport for the North Board.

The GMCA is requested to **appoint a further member** of the GMCA as a substitute member of the TfN Board.

The GMCA is requested to appoint 1 member and 1 substitute member to act as the GMCA’s members on the TfN Scrutiny Committee from the nominations received from the 10 local authorities for 2019/20 (to be tabled).

**NOTE:**

i. In 2018/19, the GMCA appointed the GMCA Portfolio Assistant for transport, Mark Aldred (Wigan) as the GMCA substitute member of the TfN Board

ii. In 2018/19, the GMCA appointed Rachel Skillen (Bury) as the GMCA representative on the TfN Scrutiny Committee, with a vacancy carried for the substitute member.