

North Yorkshire Council

Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee

7th September 2023

Appointments to Outside Bodies

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To invite the Area Constituency Committee to make appointments, on behalf of the Council, to various outside bodies.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Subsequent to the creation of the new North Yorkshire Council on 01.04.23, the number of Outside Bodies that the Council now appoints to has increased as the appointments previously made by the seven District and Borough Council's now need to be made by North Yorkshire Council.
- 2.2 Appointments to Outside Bodies were made by the Area Constituency Committee's in May 2022 for the final year of North Yorkshire County Council and then for a period of 4 years from the start of the new Unitary Authority to May 2027.

3.0 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

- 3.1 The Council's Constitution identifies various outside bodies to which this Area Constituency Committee is responsible for making appointments to, on behalf of the Council. The Constitution identifies three categories of outside bodies. Those to which this Area Constituency Committee appoints are in Categories 2 and 3 (known as Local Bodies).
- 3.2 Category 2 outside bodies typically operate across the geographic area of more than one Electoral Division. The Constitution states, with regard to Category 2 outside bodies, that:-
- those appointed should be Councillors;
 - some Officer briefing or other support may be provided;
 - any report back will be to the Area Constituency Committee (which may report to the Executive on it, if appropriate); and
 - expenses will be paid to Councillors unless they are payable by the body appointed to.
- 3.3 Category 3 outside bodies typically operate across a smaller geographic area, usually within a single Electoral Division. The Council's Constitution states, with regard to Category 3 outside bodies, that:-
- the person appointed is expected to be a member of the local community, but may be the local Member;
 - the local Member will make a nomination to the relevant Area Constituency Committee;
 - there will be no Officer support;

- there will be no report back (unless the local Member deems it necessary) and any report back will be to the Corporate Director of Resources; and
- expenses will not be paid by the Council.

3.4 Members appointed by the Area Constituency Committee to the outside bodies listed in Appendices A and B, when acting on behalf of those other organisations, are covered by the Council's Indemnity Policy for Officers and Members.

3.5 Category 2 outside bodies to which this Area Constituency Committee appoints are listed at Appendix A.

3.6 Category 3 outside bodies to which this Area Constituency Committee appoints are listed at Appendix B.

4.0 Term of Appointments

4.1 Past practice has been to appoint representatives to outside bodies to serve until the date of the subsequent Council elections.

4.2 In accordance with 4.1, it is recommended below that the appointments now made to Category 2 outside bodies should be "to serve until the Council elections in 2027".

4.3 With regard to Category 3 outside bodies, the alternative is for the Area Constituency Committee to appoint for the term "until a replacement is appointed".

5.0 Nomination and Appointment Process

5.1 At today's meeting of the Area Constituency Committee:-

- In respect of Category 2 outside body appointments, the Chairman will invite Members to announce further nominations at the meeting. Nominees should be Councillors. Each nomination must be seconded. If the number of nominations for appointment to any outside body exceeds the number of vacancies on that body, Members will be asked to vote by show of hands to identify which Councillors shall be appointed.
- In respect of each Category 3 outside body appointment, the Chairman will invite the relevant local Member, listed in the last column at Appendix B, to announce the name of his/her nominee for each vacancy on that outside body. Nominees are expected to be a member of the local community but may be the local Member. Once seconded, Area Constituency Committee Members will be asked to vote to approve those appointments.

5.2 Local Members are asked to provide, to David Smith following today's meeting, the contact details (i.e., postal address, email address and phone number) of the local members of the community who the Area Constituency Committee appoints to Category 3 outside bodies. Such information is required for forwarding to the Secretary of the outside body

6.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

6.1 There is an option not to appoint to all or some of the existing outside bodies, however this was discounted on the basis that it is beneficial at this time to keep all the existing appointments to provide local support by Members. For the future there will be a review of the number of all outside bodies as this currently stands at approximately 218. This will be within the next 12 months. At this stage the working assumption is that the number of outside bodies appointed to by North Yorkshire Council may be reduced to better align with the

strategic and operational priorities of the Council. The approach to this review is being worked up and a further update will be provided in due course

7.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

8.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no equalities implications arising from this report.

10.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no climate change implications arising from this report.

11.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

11.1 Appointments to outside bodies are made by the Area Constituency Committee's as per the Council's Constitution

12.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)

i) That the appointments for Category 2 outside bodies listed at Appendix A are approved, with those appointed to represent the Council on that outside body until the Council elections in 2027.

ii) That the appointments to each Category 3 outside body at Appendix B be approved, with those appointed to represent the Council on that outside body until a replacement is appointed.

iii) That a review of Outside Bodies takes place within the next 12 months.

APPENDICES:

Appendix A – Table of Appointments for Category 2 Outside Bodies

Appendix B – Table of Appointments for Category 3 Outside Bodies

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

North Yorkshire Council Constitution. [Constitution](#)

29 August 2023

David Smith, Democratic Services and Scrutiny Officer

APPENDIX A

2. LOCAL BODIES (appointments by Area Constituency Committees)

- ◆ Those appointed to these bodies should be Councillors.
- ◆ The appointments will be made by the Area Constituency Committee(s) concerned.
- ◆ Some Officer briefing or other support may be provided.
- ◆ Any report back will be to the Area Constituency Committee (which may report to the Executive on it, if appropriate).
- ◆ Expenses will be paid to Councillors unless they are payable by the body appointed to.

Skipton & Ripon	No of seats	
Friends of Craven Museum	1	Cllr Simon Myers
Forest of Bowland AONB Joint Advisory Committee	1 + Sub	Cllr Simon Myers Sub: Cllr David Ireton
Gouthwaite Reservoir Board of Management	1	Cllr Andrew Murday
Greatwood and Horse Close Estate Committee	2	Cllr Robert Heseltine Cllr Andy Solloway
Heysham Power Station Local Liaison Council	1	Vacancy
Hospital of James Knowles Trust	1	Vacancy
Leeds-Morecambe Community Rail Partnership	1	Cllr Andrew Murday
Mazars Yorkshire and Humber Governance Forum for Members	1	Vacancy
Nidderdale AONB Joint Advisory Committee	3 + Subs	Cllr Felicity Cunliffe-Lister Cllr Andrew Murday Cllr Nathan Hull Sub: Vacancy – S Lumley previously Sub.
Parishes Liaisons Group	TBC	Cllr Andy Brown
Pateley Bridge Quarry, Greenhow - Board of Trustees	1	Vacancy
Safer Craven Local Delivery Team	1	Cllr A Solloway
Settle Area Swimming Pool Committee	1	Vacancy
Settle Freight Quality Partnership	1	Vacancy
Settle Victoria Hall Trustees	1	Cllr Simon Myers
Settle/Carlisle Railway Development Company	1	Vacancy
Yorkshire Housing Group - Craven Area Committee	1	Cllr Robert Heseltine

APPENDIX B

LOCAL BODIES (appointee expected to be a member of the local community (but may be the local Member) nominated by the local Member)

- ◆ The person appointed is expected to be a member of the local community, but may be the local Member.
- ◆ The local Member will make a nomination to the relevant Area Constituency Committee.
- ◆ The relevant Area Constituency Committee will make the appointment.
- ◆ There will be no Officer support.
- ◆ There will be no report back (unless the local Member deems it necessary). Any report back will be to the Corporate Director of Resources.
- ◆ Expenses will not be paid by the Council.

NB: The following outside bodies are not Partnerships for the purpose of Partnership Governance as they do not meet the relevant criteria.

	No of seats	
Skipton & Ripon		
Boyle and Petyt Foundation (Bolton Abbey)	1	Mrs M Longden
Carleton Endowed School Trust (Skipton)	2	Mrs E K Brown Mrs M Mason
Clarke's Old School Foundation Wigglesworth	1	Mr P Raper
Coulthurst Sandylands Sports Centre Management Committee	1	Cllr A Solloway
Hargraves and Green Educational Foundation (Giggleswick/Austwick)	1	Mr C Fryer
Horton-in-Ribblesdale Exhibition Foundation Governors	1	Mr James Davis
Horton-in-Ribblesdale Foundation Governors	1	Mrs Linn Booth
Langcliffe Educational Foundation	1	Mrs M Lodge
Longstaffe Educational Foundation (High Bentham)	1	Cllr D Ireton
Lupton Foundation (High and Low Bishopside)	2	J Fort Mrs Hilary Jefferson
Prince Henry's Grammar School, Otley	1	Vacancy
Raikes Foundation (Pateley Bridge)	2	Hilary Jefferson Christine Skaife
Ripon Grammar School Foundation Governors	4	Cllr Barbara Brodigan Cllr Nick Brown Cllr Julie-Anne Martin-Long (Ripon City Council) Dr Tom Cavell-Taylor
Sir John Horsfall Exhibition Foundation (Glusburn and Sutton-in-Craven)	1	Cllr P Barrett
Sylvester Petyt's Foundation (Skipton)	1	Gordon Bell
William Hardcastle Charity	2	Mrs P Hutchinson Mrs Sally Harrison