

**To the Chair and Members of the
COUNCIL**

**NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SHEFFIELD CITY REGION
COMBINED AUTHORITY'S OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. To nominate two representatives of the Council to the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority's (SCRCA) Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

2. Council is asked to agree nominations in respect of appointing representatives on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the SCRCA on the basis of 1 x Labour Councillor and 1 x Conservative Councillor.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?

3. As a Member Authority of the SCRCA, it is important that Doncaster Council also has a role in supporting the Overview and Scrutiny function within the Combined Authority to help ensure accountability and transparency in the operation of this body.

BACKGROUND

4. At the meeting of Full Council on 7th March 2013, it was agreed that Doncaster Council would join the SCRCA, which became a legal entity on 1st April 2014. In addition to the Member representative appointments previously agreed, the Council has now been asked to nominate two representatives to sit on the SCRCA's Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the details of which are as follows:
 - The Combined Authority has agreed to establish an 'optimum sized' 14 Member Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the Combined Authority, proportionally representative of the Sheffield City Region post-2014 local elections, made up as follows:

Labour 9
Conservative 2
Liberal Democrat 1
UKIP 1
Independent 1

- On the above basis, Doncaster Council’s representation on the SCRCA Scrutiny Committee will be 1 x Labour, 1 x Conservative. **[Note: the SCRCA Members, i.e. the 9 Leaders, are excluded from being nominated.]**
 - Overview and Scrutiny Meetings will be convened on a quarterly basis.
5. Following consultation with Group Leaders, the following nominations to serve on the SCRCA Scrutiny Committee have been received for Council’s endorsement:

Labour representative – Councillor John Mounsey

Conservative representative – To be advised at the meeting

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 6. To appoint Council representatives to the Combined Authority’s Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the basis outlined in paragraph 4 above (Recommended option).
- 7. To not appoint any Council representatives to the Combined Authority’s Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

- 8. It is important that Doncaster MBC has representatives on the Combined Authority’s Scrutiny Committee to enable Doncaster to contribute towards ensuring accountability and transparency in the operation of the Combined Authority.

IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL’S KEY PRIORITIES

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Priority	Implications
We will provide strong leadership and governance, working in partnership.	It is important that Doncaster Council contributes towards the governance arrangements operating within the SCRCA.

RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

- 10. There are no identified risks or assumptions relevant to this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

11. The Statutory Instrument establishing the SCRCA provides for an Overview and Scrutiny function. The proposals set out in this report comply with that provision.
12. The SCRCA's Overview & Scrutiny Committee will exercise scrutiny functions over its activities and decisions, including those of its formal sub-boards/committees including the SCR Joint Transport Committee, the successor body to the SY Integrated Transport Authority.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

13. There are no specific financial implications arising from this report.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

14. There are no specific equality implications arising from this report. The allocation of seats on the SCRCA Scrutiny Committee has been formulated on a politically proportional basis to reflect the political make-up of Councils within the area covered by the SCR.

CONSULTATION

15. Consultation has taken place with Group Leaders with regard to determining nominations for representation on the SCRCA Scrutiny Committee.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

16. Minutes of SCR Combined Authority Meeting held on 2nd June 2014 (Min. No. 10 – Combined Authority Scrutiny).

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