

## Article 3 - Membership of the Combined Authority

### Membership

- 3.1 The Combined Authority comprises no more than eight members in addition to the Mayor. The Combined Authority Members are:
- the **Mayor** (by virtue of that office)
  - Four elected members, two appointed by each Constituent Council from its elected members (a **Constituent Council Combined Authority Member**)
  - Up to four additional members in total appointed by the Combined Authority being members appointed by a body designated as a Non-Constituent Body of the Combined Authority (the **Non-Constituent Body Combined Authority Members**) and/or any **Associate Members**.

### Lead Members

- 3.2 Each Constituent Council must designate one of the two members appointed by that Constituent Council under paragraph 3.1 as the lead member for that Constituent Council (the **Lead Member**).

### Substitute Members

- 3.3 Each Constituent Council must appoint one named elected Member for each of their Constituent Council Combined Authority Members either of whom may act as a Combined Authority Member in the absence of either of their members appointed under paragraph 3.1 above (the **Substitute Constituent Council Member**).
- Each Non-Constituent Body Combined Authority Member must nominate one other person to act as the Non-Constituent Body Combined Authority Member in their absence (the **Non-Constituent Body Combined Authority Member Substitute Member**).
  - Each Associate Member must nominate one other person to act as the Associate Member in their absence (the **Associate Substitute Member**).

### Terms of Office - Combined Authority Members other than the Mayor

- 3.4 A **Constituent Council Combined Authority Member** or **Substitute Constituent Council Member** ceases to be a Combined Authority Member or Substitute Member if:
- they **cease to be an elected member** of the Constituent Council that appointed them,
  - they **resign** by written notice, or
  - the **Constituent Council terminates the appointment**.

- 3.5 Where a **Constituent Council Combined Authority Member** or **Substitute Constituent Council Member** ceases to be an elected member or resigns, the Constituent Council shall notify the Combined Authority in writing as soon as practicable and appoint a replacement. A Constituent Council must give written notice to the Combined Authority of any termination and new appointment.
- 3.6 **The Non-Constituent Body Combined Authority Member** or **Substitute Non-Constituent Body Combined Authority Member** ceases to be a **Combined Authority Member** or **Substitute Member** if:
- they **cease to act** in any way for, or represent, the Non-Constituent Body,
  - they **resign** by written notice,
  - the **Non-Constituent Body terminates the appointment**,
  - the Combined Authority terminates the appointment, or
  - the Non-Constituent Body is no longer a Non-Constituent Body of the Combined Authority
- 3.7 Where the Non-Constituent Body Combined Authority Member or Substitute Member ceases to act in any way for, or represent, the relevant Non-Constituent Body or resigns, the Non-Constituent Body must give written notice to the Combined Authority as soon as practicable and appoint a replacement.
- 3.8 The Non-Constituent Body must give written notice to the Combined Authority of any termination and new appointment.
- 3.9 Any **Associate Member** or **Substitute Associate Member** ceases to be a **Combined Authority Member** or **Substitute Member** if:
- they resign by written notice, or
  - the Combined Authority **terminates the appointment**.

### Voting

- 3.10 Except as provided in 3.11 below, each Combined Authority Member (or Substitute Member acting in their place) has one vote.
- 3.11 The following are non-voting Combined Authority Members:
- the Non-Constituent Body Combined Authority Members, unless the voting members of the Combined Authority unanimously resolve that this provision is not to apply on a specific item to be voted upon, subject to any restriction in the 2009 Act.
  - Associate Members.
- 3.12 No Combined Authority Member has a casting vote.
- 3.13 Any question will be decided in accordance with the **voting arrangements** set out in the Combined Authority Procedure Standing Orders - see further Part 4 of the Constitution.

### General

- 3.14 The Monitoring Officer will report any change to the membership of the Combined Authority to the next meeting of the Combined Authority.
- 3.15 The proceedings of the Combined Authority shall not be invalidated by any vacancy among the Combined Authority Members or by any defect in the appointment or qualifications of any Member.

### Conduct

- 3.16 Each Combined Authority Member and Substitute Member must comply with any applicable Code or Protocol set out in Part 5 of the Constitution including the Members' Code of Conduct.

### Remuneration

- 3.17 Subject to 3.18 - 3.21 below, no remuneration is to be payable by the combined Authority to any Combined Authority Member, other than allowances for travel and subsistence paid in accordance with a scheme approved by the Combined Authority.
- 3.18 The Combined Authority may establish an Independent Remuneration Panel which may make recommendations to the Combined Authority regarding the allowances payable to:
- the Mayor
  - the Deputy Mayor (provided that the Deputy Mayor is not a leader or elected mayor of a Constituent Council)
  - Local Authority Co-Optees appointed to any Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the Combined Authority
  - Local Authority Co-Optees appointed to any Audit and Governance Committee of the Combined Authority
- 3.19 The Combined Authority may only pay an allowance under paragraph 3.18 if:
- the Combined Authority has considered a report published by the Independent Remuneration Panel which contains recommendations for such an allowance, and
  - the allowance paid by the Combined Authority does not exceed the amount specified in any recommendation made by the Independent Remuneration Panel.
- 3.20 The Combined Authority must consider a report from the Independent Remuneration Panel before approving a scheme under 3.19 above.
- 3.21 The Combined Authority's Members' Allowances Scheme is set out in Part 6 of the Constitution.