

Bolton Council

Report to: EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date: 19TH JULY, 2007

Report of: DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND
DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

Report No:

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Report Title: ISSUES IN RELATION TO JOINT AUTHORITIES

Non Confidential:

(**Non-Confidential**) This report does **not** contain information which warrants its consideration in the absence of the press or members of the public

Purpose:

The purpose of the report is to advise of appointments made by the Council to the joint authorities, any decisions taken by the joint authorities since the last meeting which impact on the Authority and the contributions made by the Authority to each joint authority

Recommendations:

The comments of the Committee are requested.

Decision:

Background Doc(s):

(for use on Exec Rep)

Signed:

Date:

Summary:

(on its own page

with background docs)

The report sets out the appointments made by the Council to the joint authorities, gives details of any decisions taken by them impacting on the Authority and the contributions made to each joint authority.

Introduction

At the informal meeting of the Committee held on 7th June, 2007, it was resolved, inter alia,

(a) that in order to scrutinise the joint authorities:-

- (i) the Director of Legal and Democratic Services should prepare quarterly synopsis reports of the proceedings of each joint authority, detailing those issues which directly affect the Council;
- (ii) The nominated spokesperson and any other Council appointed representatives be invited to the Committee to give a report on the issues discussed affecting the Council; and
- (iii) A report be prepared for the first meeting of the Committee detailing the contribution made by the Council to each joint authority.

(b) That it was legitimate to scrutinise AGMA Executive and Statutory Functions Committee, but that in relation to the AGMA Council, it would be more appropriate for the Committee to express its opinion on their proceedings.

Synopsis Reports

As the joint authorities are made up of representatives from the AGMA authorities, it follows that until such authorities have held their annual meetings and appointed their representatives, the joint authorities are unable to constitute their own Council and Committee structures. Accordingly, at the time of writing this report, no details of meetings of the joint authorities have been received, however, should this situation alter prior to the Committee then details will be made available.

Nominated Spokespersons

The Council, at its Annual Meeting held on 23rd May, 2007, appointed the following Councillors as its nominated spokespersons/representatives on the joint authorities

AGMA Executive	-	Leader of the Council
AGMA Statutory Functions Committee	-	Councillor Mrs Thomas Councillor Morris (Deputy)
GMPTA	-	Councillor Clare (Nominated spokesperson) Councillor Critchley Councillor David Wilkinson
GM Fire and Rescue Authority	-	Councillor Spencer (Nominated spokesperson) Councillor J. Silvester Councillor R. Wilkinson
GM Police Authority	-	Councillor Rock (Nominated spokesperson)
GM Waste Disposal Authority	-	Councillor Darvesh (Nominated spokesperson) Councillor Barrow

Contributions to Joint Authorities

For 2007/08 the Council made the following contributions to the joint authorities

	£000
GM Police Authority	9,475
GM Fire and Rescue Authority	3,915
GMPTA	11,337
GM Waste Disposal Authority	15,757

Recommendations

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