

Report to: EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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Report of: DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND
DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

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Report Title: ISSUES IN RELATION TO JOINT AUTHORITIES

Non Confidential:

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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.

Background Doc(s):

Summary:

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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

During the 2007/08 Municipal Year, the agendas for the Committee contained a standard item entitled "Issues in Relation to Joint Authorities" . This report was prepared by the Director of Legal and Democratic Services and contained a synopsis of the proceedings of each joint authority, detailing those issues which directly affected the Council. In addition to this report and where deemed appropriate, the Council's nominated spokesperson was invited to attend the Committee to give a report on the issues discussed affecting the Council.

At the final meeting of the Committee, all nominated spokespersons were invited to attend the meeting and to give a short report on what had been achieved by their respective joint authorities during the year and what was perceived as being the big issues to be faced in the forthcoming year.

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.

Nominated Spokespersons

The Council, at its Annual Meeting held on 21st May, 2008, 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 Chadwick (Nominated spokesperson) Councillor Critchley Councillor Rock
GM Fire and Rescue Authority	-	Councillor Lord (Nominated spokesperson) Councillor Ayub Councillor Hollick
GM Police Authority	-	Councillor Spencer (Nominated spokesperson)
GM Waste Disposal Authority	-	Councillor Darvesh (Nominated spokesperson) Councillor R. Barrow

Contributions to Joint Authorities

For 2008/09 the Council made the following contributions to the joint authorities

	£000
GM Police Authority	10,280
GM Fire and Rescue Authority	4,091
GMPTA	16,548
GM Waste Disposal Authority	11,785

Recommendations

That the Committee continue to receive reports on the proceedings of the Joint Authorities insofar as they affect Bolton Council.