

APPENDIX A

ITA GOVERNANCE PROPOSALS (based on an 8 member Executive Committee)

In order to progress the implementation of the interim Governance arrangements prior to any formal West Yorkshire Governance Scheme the current membership of 22 ITA members will be retained. However an Executive Committee comprising 8 members will be established to carry out the main business of the Authority. Full ITA meetings will be reduced to a minimum of two per year, one to agree the Annual Budget and set the levy and the other to undertake the business at the Annual General Meeting.

An 8 member Executive Committee would have to reflect the political balance in West Yorkshire. Based on the existing composition of the Authority –

Labour	9	($9 \div 22 \times 8$ equates to 3 places on Executive Committee)
Conservatives	7	($7 \div 22 \times 8$ equates to 3 places on Executive Committee)
Liberal Democrats	5	($5 \div 22 \times 8$ equates to 2 places on Executive Committee)
Independent	1	($1 \div 22 \times 8$ equates to zero places on Executive Committee)

It is proposed that the Executive Committee will include the Chair, Deputy Chair and Shadow Chair of the ITA. The remaining 5 places must be allocated in a way which ensures political balance. There is a legal requirement for the ITA to appoint from amongst its membership a spokesperson for each District Council. It would appear sensible for that person to be an ITA Executive Board member.

However, the current mix of spokespersons does not achieve the required political mix for the ITA Executive Board so in the interim the ITA will appoint to the Board to satisfy political mix requirements. The constitution of the Executive Board, together with the overall framework for delivering ITA functions will be finalised at the next AGM in June 2010.

Until the AGM it is proposed to retain all existing District Spokesperson appointments, ITA Working/Liaison Groups and the planned frequency of meetings. It is the intention that many of the Groups will be replaced by appropriate scrutiny liaison and governance arrangements.