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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2021 No. 112**

**The West Yorkshire Combined Authority  
(Election of Mayor and Functions) Order 2021**

**PART 2**

**Election of Mayor**

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- 3.**—(1) There is to be a mayor for the Area.
- (2) The first election for the return of a mayor for the Area is to take place on 6th May 2021.
- (3) Subsequent elections for the return of a mayor for the Area shall take place—
- (a) on the ordinary day of election in 2024, and
  - (b) in every fourth year thereafter on the same day as the ordinary day of election.
- (4) The term of office of the mayor returned at an election for the return of a mayor for the Area—
- (a) begins with the fourth day after the day of the poll at the election for the return of a mayor for the Area, and
  - (b) ends with the third day after the day of the poll at the next election for the return of a mayor for the Area.

**Political adviser**

- 4.**—(1) The Mayor may appoint one person as the Mayor’s political adviser.
- (2) Any appointment under paragraph (1) is an appointment as an employee of the Combined Authority.
- (3) No appointment under paragraph (1) may extend beyond—
- (a) the term of office for which the Mayor who made the appointment was elected; or
  - (b) where the Mayor who made the appointment ceases to be the Mayor before the end of the term of office for which the Mayor was elected, the date on which the Mayor ceases to hold that office.
- (4) A person appointed under paragraph (1) is to be regarded for the purposes of Part 1 of the 1989 Act (political restriction of officers and staff) as holding a politically restricted post under a local authority.
- (5) Section 9(1), (8), (9) and (11) of the 1989 Act (assistants for political groups)(1) apply in relation to an appointment under paragraph (1) as if—
- (a) any appointment to that post were the appointment of a person in pursuance of that section; and

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(1) Section 9 was amended by sections 61 and 204 of, and paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to, the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and by [S.I. 2001/2237](#). There are other amendments not relevant to this Order.

(b) the Combined Authority were a relevant authority for the purposes of that section.

(6) Subsection (3) of section 9 of the 1989 Act applies in relation to an appointment under paragraph (1) as if the words from “and that the appointment terminates” to the end of that subsection were omitted.