

THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 28 MAY 2012

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO LEAD INFORMAL SCRUTINY GROUPS  
AND TO EXTERNAL BODIES RELATED TO SCRUTINY FOR THE 2012/13  
MUNICIPAL YEAR

REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

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RECENT REFERENCES:

OS40 - Scrutiny Work Programme 2012/13 - 28 May 2012  
OS43 - Update on 2011/12 informal scrutiny groups, appointment of batch 3 Informal Scrutiny Groups etc – 28 May 2012

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This Report asks the Committee to appoint six Councillors nominated from its membership to lead Informal Scrutiny Groups (ISGs) for the 2012/13 Municipal Year. Report OS43 (elsewhere on the agenda) sets out proposals to agree to a programme for the establishment of ISGs over the year. The ISG lead Councillors will guide and manage that programme throughout the year. The nominations received are set out in recommendation 1 below.

The Report also requests appointments to three external bodies related to scrutiny that it would be appropriate for The Overview and Scrutiny Committee to appoint representatives to. These are detailed at paragraph 3 of the Report.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Committee appoint the following six Councillors from its membership to lead Informal Scrutiny Groups (ISGs) for the 2012/13 Municipal Year:
  - a) Councillor Read
  - b) Councillor Sanders
  - c) Councillor Scott
  - d) Councillor Wright
  - e) Councillor Evans
  - f) Councillor Hutchison

2. That the Committee consider appointments to the following external bodies:
  - a) Portsmouth City Council – Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel (1 vacancy and deputy)
  - b) Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS) – Scrutiny Champions Network (1 vacancy)
  - c) Partnership for Urban South Hampshire Overview and Scrutiny Committee (1 vacancy and deputy)
3. That, following the disbanding of the Project Integra Policy Review & Scrutiny Committee, the Committee receives an annual report on the work of Project Integra and in light of this then considers whether it wishes to establish a regular process to scrutinise the partnership.

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#### Report of the Head of Democratic Services

#### DETAIL:

#### 1 Background

- 1.1 This Report asks the Committee to appoint six Councillors from its membership to lead Informal Scrutiny Groups (ISGs) for the 2012/13 Municipal Year. It also requests appointments to external bodies related to scrutiny for the year.

#### 2 Appointments to lead Informal Scrutiny Groups (ISGs)

- 2.1 Report OS43 (elsewhere on the agenda) sets out proposals to agree to a programme for the establishment of ISGs over the year. The ISG lead Councillors will guide and manage that programme throughout the year.

- 2.2 For information, the following ISG lead Councillors were appointed for the 2011/12 Municipal Year:

- a) Councillor Wright
- b) Councillor Thompson
- c) Councillor Pearson
- d) Councillor Hutchison
- e) Councillor Power
- f) Councillor Huxstep

- 2.3 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is requested to appoint six nominated Councillors from its membership to lead Informal Scrutiny Groups (ISGs) for the 2012/13 Municipal Year. These are as follows:

- a) Councillor Read
- b) Councillor Sanders
- c) Councillor Scott
- d) Councillor Wright
- e) Councillor Evans
- f) Councillor Hutchison

#### 3 Appointments to External Bodies related to scrutiny

- 3.1 There are currently three external bodies that it would be appropriate for The Overview and Scrutiny Committee to appoint representatives to. These are detailed below.

### 3.2 Portsmouth City Council - Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel

This Panel was established by Portsmouth City Council. Its membership is drawn from appropriate interest groups, stakeholders and Councillors from adjoining local authorities 'when discussing issues that have significant effect upon their area'.

The current Winchester City Council co-optee is Councillor Chamberlain who has indicated that he does not wish to continue as the Council's representative for 2012/13. No other nominations have been received at the time this report was published.

### 3.3 The Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS) – Scrutiny Champions' Network

The CfPS has previously requested a Member representative as a 'scrutiny champion' for the Council. The Member receives a monthly bulletin and is also invited to attend an Annual Conference. The current representative is Councillor Chamberlain as the Chairman of The Overview and Scrutiny Committee and it is suggested that the Chairman of The Overview and Scrutiny Committee remains as the appointed representative for 2012/13.

### 3.4 Partnership for Urban South Hampshire Overview & Scrutiny Committee

At its meeting on 22 October 2007, the previous Principal Scrutiny Committee considered a report which set out changes to the governance of the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH). This included proposals for a PUSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Committee was asked to appoint a non-executive representative from those Wards within the PUSH area.

The current representative, Councillor Huxstep, is no longer able to continue in this capacity. Councillor Achwal is the current deputy representative. No other nominations have been received at the time this report was published.

### 3.4 Project Integra Policy Review and Scrutiny Committee

Following a review of the governance arrangements of Project Integra, the Committee was disbanded in 2012.

It is suggested that the Committee receives an annual report on the work of Project Integra and in light of this then considers whether it wishes to establish a regular process to scrutinise the partnership.

## OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

### 4 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND CHANGE PLANS (RELEVANCE TO):

When appointing to external bodies, the Committee should be satisfied that these arrangements are supporting or scrutinising the delivery of the Council's priorities, or working towards identifying future priorities.

### 5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

Scrutiny is currently undertaken within the existing staffing resources of the Council.

6 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

None.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

Files held in the Democratic Services Division.

APPENDICES:

None