

THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO LEAD INFORMAL SCRUTINY GROUPS  
AND TO EXTERNAL BODIES RELATED TO SCRUTINY FOR THE 2013/14  
MUNICIPAL YEAR

REPORT OF HEAD OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

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RECENT REFERENCES:

OS71 - Scrutiny Work Programme 2013/14 - 20 May 2013

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This Report asks the Committee to appoint six Councillors nominated from its membership to lead Informal Scrutiny Groups (ISGs) for the 2013/14 Municipal Year. The Councillors will guide and manage a previously agreed programme of ISGs throughout the year. These ISGs are set out in the Scrutiny Work Programme (Report OS71 refers, elsewhere on the agenda).

The Report also requests appointments to four other 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.

Finally, Members are also asked to confirm appointments proposed by Group Managers to a batch 4 ISGs established at the previous meeting of the Committee held on 18 March 2013 – see Recommendation 3.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Committee considers six appointments from its membership to lead Informal Scrutiny Groups (ISGs) for the 2013/14 Municipal Year.
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)
  - d) Joint Project Integra Scrutiny Panel (with East Hants District Council) (3 vacancies)
3. That the Committee confirm the following appointments, as proposed by Group Managers, to the following batch 4 Informal Scrutiny Group (ISG):
- (i) Review of the Museums Service ISG
- Councillor Read (Chairman), Prowse, Collin, Laming and *up to three additional nominations from the Conservative Group.*

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##### DETAIL:

#### 1 Background

1.1 This Report asks the Committee to appoint six Councillors nominated from its membership to lead Informal Scrutiny Groups (ISGs) for the 2013/14 Municipal Year. Members are also asked to consider appointments of non-executive Members to four other bodies related to scrutiny.

1.3 The Committee is also asked to confirm appointments proposed by Group Managers to batch 4 ISGs established at its previous meeting held on 18 March 2013 – see Recommendation 3.

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

2.1 The ISG lead Councillors guide and manage a previously agreed programme of ISGs throughout the year. These ISGs are set out in the Scrutiny Work Programme (Report OS71 refers, elsewhere on the agenda).

2.2 The Committee is therefore asked to consider six appointments from its membership to lead Informal Scrutiny Groups (ISGs) for the 2013/14 Municipal Year.

2.3 For information, the existing scrutiny lead Members 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 four external bodies that it would be appropriate for The Overview and Scrutiny Committee to appoint non Executive Member 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 representatives are **Councillor Read and Councillor Evans (deputy)**. Both have indicated that they wish to continue as the Council's representatives for 2013/14.

At the time of publication of this Report, the Liberal Democrat Group has nominated Councillor Newman-McKie as the Council's main representative on this body.

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 Pines** 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 2013/14.

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

The Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) established a PUSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee in 2007 and it has previously been agreed that the Committee appoint a non-executive representative from those Wards within the PUSH area.

The current representatives, **Councillor Gemmell (Deputy Councillor Achwal)** have both indicated that they wish to continue as the Council's representatives for 2013/14.

At the time of publication of this Report, the Liberal Democrat Group has nominated Councillor Achwal as the Council's main representative on this body.

3.4 **Joint Project Integra Scrutiny Panel**

At its meeting held on 17 September 2012, The Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the final report of the Project Integra and Recycling Informal Scrutiny Group (report OS52 refers). One of the ISG's recommendations was to establish a permanent Joint Project Integra Scrutiny Panel in partnership with East Hampshire District Council. This was approved, and full Council on 27 September 2012 subsequently endorsed its establishment and agreed that **Councillors Hiscock and McLean** be appointed to join **Councillor Pines** as the City Council's three representatives. The Panel has yet to convene its first meeting.

The Councillors listed above have all indicated that wish to continue as the Council's representatives for 2013/14. No other nominations have been received at the time this report was published.

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