

REPORT TITLE: APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO LEAD INFORMAL SCRUTINY GROUPS AND TO EXTERNAL BODIES RELATED TO SCRUTINY FOR THE 2017/18 MUNICIPAL YEAR

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REPORT OF PORTFOLIO HOLDER: Councillor Guy Ashton, Portfolio Holder for Professional Services

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WARD(S): ALL

PURPOSE

This Report asks the Committee to confirm six Councillors nominated from its membership to lead Informal Scrutiny Groups (ISGs) for the 2017/18 Municipal Year. These were formally appointed at the Annual Meeting of Council on 17 May 2017. The Councillors will guide and manage previously established ISGs and others that are established during the year. Existing ISGs are set out in the Scrutiny Work Programme (Report OS162 refers, elsewhere on the agenda).

The Report also requests appointments to four other bodies 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 the Informal Scrutiny Groups and Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committees.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Committee confirms the six appointments from its membership to lead the Informal Scrutiny Groups (ISG) for the 2017/18 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) Environmental Services Joint Scrutiny Committee (with East Hants District Council) (3 vacancies and 3 deputies)
3. That the Committee appoint (to be proposed by Group Managers), to the following Informal Scrutiny Groups (ISGs) for 2017/18:
- (i) Performance Management ISG
Approx. six vacancies (including the Chair)
 - (ii) Review of Scrutiny ISG
Approx. six vacancies (including the Chair)
 - (iii) Housing Delivery/Impact of the Housing Bill ISG
Approx. six vacancies (including the Chair)
 - (iv) Councillor Workloads ISG
Approx. six vacancies (including the Chair)
4. That the Committee appoint (to be proposed by Group Managers), the following Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee for 2017/18
- (i) Overview and Scrutiny (Major Projects) Sub-Committee
Seven vacancies (including the Chair)

1 RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk - None	Mitigation	Opportunities
<i>Property (N/A)</i>		
<i>Community Support N/A</i>		
<i>Timescales N/A</i>		
<i>Project capacity N/A</i>		
<i>Financial / VfM N/A</i>		
<i>Legal N/A</i>		
<i>Innovation N/A</i>		
<i>Reputation N/A</i>		
<i>Other N/A</i>		

2 SUPPORTING INFORMATION:

2.1 Background

2.2 This Report asks the Committee to confirm six Councillors nominated from its membership to lead Informal Scrutiny Groups (ISGs) for the 2017/18 Municipal Year. Members are also asked to consider appointments of non-executive Members to four other external bodies related to scrutiny.

2.3 Members are also asked to confirm appointments proposed by Group Managers to ISGs and The Overview and Scrutiny (Major Projects) Sub-Committee established at previous meetings of the Committee.

3 Appointments to lead Informal Scrutiny Groups (ISGs)

3.1 The ISG Lead Councillors guide and manage a programme of ISGs throughout the year. These ISGs are set out in the Scrutiny Work Programme (Report OS162 refers, elsewhere on the agenda).

3.2 The Committee is therefore asked to confirm the six appointments from its membership to lead Informal Scrutiny Groups (ISGs) for the 2017/18 Municipal Year. These were formally appointed at the Annual Meeting of Council on 17 May 2017.

4. Appointments to External Bodies related to Scrutiny

4.1 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.

4.2 **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'.

Winchester City Council are asked to appoint one member and one deputy representatives for 2017/18.

4.3 **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 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 2017/18.

4.4 **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.

Winchester City Council are asked to appoint one member and one deputy representative for 2017/18.

4.5 **Environmental Services Joint Scrutiny Committee (ESJSC) (with East Hants District Council)**

At its meeting held on 17 September 2012, The Overview and Scrutiny Committee established this Joint Scrutiny Committee with terms of reference. The terms of reference were amended to reflect the name change above.

The Committee did not meet during 2016/17. However, the membership for the 2016/17 Municipal Year was made as follows:

Winchester City Councillors: three member and three deputy representatives. East Hampshire District Councillors were also asked to appoint three member and three deputy representatives for this Joint Committee.

In order for the meeting to be quorate, three Members from either Winchester City Council or East Hants District Council would need to be present.

At its meeting held on 16 February 2015, the Chairman of The Overview and announced that minutes of the Joint Environmental Services Scrutiny

Committee (JESSC) would be taken to future meetings of the Committee for Members' consideration.

The Committee are asked to appoint three member and three deputy representatives for 2017/18.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:-

Previous Committee Reports:-

Files held in the Democratic Services Team

Other Background Documents:-

OS162 - Scrutiny Work Programme 2017/18 – 22 May 2017

APPENDICES:

None.