

REPORT TITLE: APPOINTMENT TO EXTERNAL BODIES RELATED TO SCRUTINY FOR THE 2022/23 MUNICIPAL YEAR.

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WARD(S): GENERAL

PURPOSE

The report asks the committee to nominate Councillor representatives to the three external bodies that the Scrutiny Committee has traditionally appointed to. These bodies are detailed in paragraph 3 of the report.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the committee considers appointments to the following external bodies:

1. [Portsmouth City Council – Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel](#) (1 vacancy and deputy)
2. [Centre for Governance and Scrutiny – Scrutiny Champions Network](#) (1 vacancy)
3. [Partnership for South Hampshire \(PfSH\) Overview and Scrutiny Committee](#) (1 vacancy and deputy)

IMPLICATIONS:

1 COUNCIL PLAN OUTCOME

- 1.1 Councillor representation on external bodies is a key part of the role of the elected member. This enables close partnership working, sharing knowledge and information with organisations with a view to tackling climate change, providing housing, promoting the local economy and working to improve the health and happiness of the community.

2 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 2.1 Any travel expenses can be met within the existing Members' Allowances Scheme.

3 LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Appointments to Outside Bodies are governed by specific legislation (such as the establishment of joint committees under Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 and appointments made under S102 of the Local Authorities (Arrangements for the Discharge of Functions) (England) Regulations 2012, issued under sections 9EA, 9EB and 105 of the Local Government Act 2000).

- 3.2 In some cases, the arrangements may be governed by quite a formal framework such as an inter-borough agreement, which specifies the officeholder who will represent the Council. Where there are no specific provisions arrangements for representation may be made under Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 which provides local authorities with the power of general competence.

4 WORKFORCE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None directly.

5 PROPERTY AND ASSET IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None.

6 CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

- 6.1 Vacancies are advertised to all committee members to allow cross-party nominations. Member appointments are published on the [council's website](#).

7 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1 None.

8 PUBLIC SECTOR EQUALITY DUTY

8.1 The Council considers the appointment of nominees that represent as far as possible the diverse nature of the local community.

9 DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT

9.1 None required.

10 RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk	Mitigation	Opportunities
Financial Exposure		
Exposure to challenge	Risk of potential conflicts of interest mitigated by regard to guidance provided in the Constitution and/or seeking advice.	To ensure certainty and clear lawful decision making
Innovation		To share good practice with other organisations across the City Council
Reputation		To promote the City Council with partners
Achievement of outcome	Not applicable	Not applicable
Property	Not applicable	Not applicable
Community Support – potential for lack of community support	<i>Appropriate Councillor representation on outside bodies is undertaken as part of their wider community roles</i>	Transparency of the decision making enables greater certainty of the decision and decision-maker for the community
Timescales	Not applicable	Not applicable
Project capacity	Not applicable	Not applicable
Other	Not applicable	Not applicable

11 SUPPORTING INFORMATION:

11.1 This report asks the committee to consider appointments of non-executive members to three external bodies related to scrutiny.

11.2 There are currently three external bodies that it would be appropriate for the Scrutiny Committee to appoint non-executive member representatives to. These are detailed below.

11.3 **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 a significant effect upon the area”. The next meeting of the panel is scheduled for [Thursday 23 June at 1.30 pm](#). Appointments agreed for 2021/22 were Cllr Bentote (deputy Cllr Read).

Winchester City Council is asked to appoint one member and one deputy representative for this municipal year.

11.4 **The Centre for Governance and Scrutiny – Scrutiny Champions’ Network**

The Centre for Governance and Scrutiny 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 the Annual Conference. The current representative is the Chairperson of the scrutiny committee (Cllr Brook). It is suggested that the Chairperson of the scrutiny committee be the appointed representative for this municipal year.

11.5 **Partnership for South Hampshire Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

The Partnership for South Hampshire (PfSH) established a PfSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee in 2007 and it has previously been agreed that this committee appoint a non-executive representative from those wards within the PfSH area. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for [Wednesday 29 June 2022](#). Appointments agreed for 2021/22 were Cllr Bentote (deputy Cllr Horrill)

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12 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

12.1 To not make appointments for this municipal year. However, this option was rejected because representation on outside bodies is a key element of members’ roles.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: -

Previous Committee Reports: -

[SC024 - Annual Appointments 2020/21](#)

[SC056 – Annual Appointments 2021/22](#)

Other Background Documents: -

The following websites provide background information to the three organisations concerned:

1. Portsmouth City Council - Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel

<https://democracy.portsmouth.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=151>

2. The Centre for Governance and Scrutiny

[https://www.cfgs.org.uk/](https://www.cfgs.org.uk)

3. Partnership for South Hampshire Overview & Scrutiny Committee

<https://www.push.gov.uk/work/our-meetings/overview-and-scrutiny/>

APPENDICES

None