

REPORT TITLE: APPOINTMENT TO EXTERNAL BODIES RELATED TO  
SCRUTINY FOR THE 2025/26 MUNICIPAL YEAR.

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WARD(S): ALL

### 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 – Southeast Regional Network](#) (1 vacancy)
3. [Partnership for South Hampshire \(PfSH\) Overview and Scrutiny Committee](#) (1 vacancy and deputy)

## 1 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 1.1 None arising directly from the content of the report.

## 2 SUPPORTING INFORMATION:

- 2.1 This report asks the committee to consider appointments of non-executive Councillors to three external bodies related to scrutiny.
- 2.2 There are currently three external bodies that it would be appropriate for the Scrutiny Committee to appoint non-executive councillor representatives to. These are detailed below.

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

Portsmouth City Council established this panel. 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 meetings of the panel are scheduled for [OBJ] at 1pm at The Guildhall, Portsmouth with subsequent meetings on the 17 September 2025, 19 November 2025, 21 January 2026 and 11 March 2026. at 1pm at The Guildhall, Portsmouth with subsequent meetings on the 17 September 2025, 19 November 2025, 21 January 2026 and 11 March 2026.

Appointments agreed for 2024/25 were Councillor V Achwal and Councillor J Williams (deputy). Winchester City Council is asked to appoint one member and one deputy representative for this municipal year.

### 2.4 The Centre for Governance and Scrutiny (CfGS)

The Centre for Governance and Scrutiny has previously requested a member representative as a 'scrutiny champion' for the Council. 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 to the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny, Southeast Regional Network.

South East Employers have informed the council about the possibility of forming a Regional Scrutiny Network and have requested member and officer nominations. More details will be given to the committee if the group is established.

### 2.5 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 member representative from those wards within the PfSH area.

The next meetings of the committee are scheduled for: 2 July 2025, 17 September 2025, 3 December 2025 and 4 March 2026 at 10.30am at the Civic Offices, Fareham.

Appointments agreed for 2024/25 were Councillor S Achwal and Councillor Batho (deputy). Winchester City Council is asked to appoint one member and one deputy representative for this municipal year.

### 3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

- 3.1 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](#)  
[SC067 Annual Appointments 2022/23](#)  
[SC088 Annual Appointments 2023/24](#)  
[SC092 Annual Appointments 2024/25](#)

##### 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/>
3. Partnership for South Hampshire Overview & Scrutiny Committee  
<https://www.push.gov.uk/work/our-meetings/overview-and-scrutiny/>

#### APPENDICES

None