

**Name of meeting: Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee**

**Date: 15 June 2021**

**Title of report: Appointment of Co-optees**

To consider the allocation of Scrutiny Co-optees for the 2021/22 municipal year.

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| Key Decision - Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards? | Not applicable                                |
| Key Decision - Is it in the <u>Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports)</u> ?  | Not applicable                                |
| The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?   | Not applicable                                |
| Date signed off by <u>Strategic Director</u> & name  | Not applicable                                |
| Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance?   | Not applicable                                |
| Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning?  | Samantha Lawton, Head of Governance<br>1/6/21 |
| Cabinet member <a href="#">portfolio</a>   |   |

**Electoral wards affected:** All

**Ward councillors consulted:** Not applicable.

**Public or private:** Public Report

**Has GDPR been considered?** Yes.

## 1. Summary

- 1.1 At the beginning of each municipal year the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee is required to re-appoint the voluntary and statutory co-optees and allocate them to Panels or the Co-optee Pool.
- 1.2 Voluntary co-optees generally serve a maximum term of four years. Statutory co-optees are nominated by the Diocese or apply in their role as a school governor. Where a co-optee is not involved in any work for a year, then that year does not count towards their service.

## 2. Information required to take a decision

- 2.1 At the start of the municipal year 2020/21 there were a total of nine co-optees involved in scrutiny.
- 2.2 No co-optees have resigned during the last twelve months.
- 2.3 A recruitment exercise had been planned for late Spring 2020. However, the COVID-19 pandemic and associated pressures have meant that it has not been possible to undertake this process to date. The recruitment will now take place during the Autumn of 2021.
- 2.4 Councillor Liz Smaje, the Chair of OSMC has proposed that the existing co-optees should again be invited to extend their term for a further year (2021/22). The current co-optees in the table below have agreed to do so. Eilidh Ogden has stepped down from the Economy and Neighbourhoods Panel.
- 2.5 The table at paragraph 2.7 sets out the current co-optees and the proposed allocations for the 2020/21 municipal year which are currently unchanged from 2020/21.
- 2.6 If Members reach a view that allocations should be changed they are asked to give consideration to retaining the allocations for the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel. Continuity is particularly important for this Panel and, wherever possible, the aim is to try and carry forward the knowledge gained by co-optees in the complex area of health and adult social care.

### 2.7

| Name          | Allocation in 2020/21                       | Proposed Allocation in 2021/22  |
|---------------|---|---|
| Linda Summers | Corporate                                   | Children's Scrutiny Panel<br>Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel –<br>Residential Housing Stock<br>Health and Safety Compliance |
| Dale O'Neill  | Children's Scrutiny Panel                   | Children's Scrutiny Panel   |
| Toni Bromley  | Children's Scrutiny Panel                   | Children's Scrutiny Panel   |
| David Rigby   | Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel | Health and Adults Social Care Scrutiny Panel  |
| Lynne Keady   | Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel | Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel   |

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| Andrew Bird     | Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel | Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel |
| Chris Friend    | Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel | Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel |
| Philip Chaloner | Corporate Scrutiny Panel                  | Corporate Scrutiny Panel                  |

### 3. **Implications for the Council**

There are no specific implications for the Council at this point.

### 4. **Consultees and their opinions**

No consultation was appropriate in respect of the contents of this report.

### 5. **Next steps and timelines**

Subject to the decision of the Committee, the co-optees will be advised of their allocated Panel and the relevant Governance support officer.

### 6. **Officer recommendations and reasons**

- 6.1 That the Management Committee agree the allocation of co-optees for the 2021/22 municipal year
- 6.2 That the serving co-optees be thanked for their continued commitment and contribution to the work of Scrutiny in Kirklees.
- 6.3 That Eilidh Ogden be thanked for her contribution to the Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel over the last two years.

### 7. **Cabinet Portfolio Holder's recommendations**

Not applicable.

### 8. **Contact officer**

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### 9. **Service Director responsible**

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