

Name of meeting: Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

Date: 15 March 2022

Title of report: Appointment of Voluntary Scrutiny Co-optees

Purpose of report: To ask the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (OSMC) to formally appoint an additional number of voluntary co-optees so they are ready for allocation to scrutiny panels in the 2022/23 municipal year.

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?	No
Key Decision - Is it in the <u>Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports)</u> ?	No
The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	No
Date signed off by <u>Strategic Director</u> & name	N/A
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance?	N/A
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning?	N/A
Cabinet member portfolio	N/A

Electoral wards affected: N/A

Ward councillors consulted: N/A

Public or private: Public

Has GDPR been considered? Yes.

1. Summary

1.1 At the start of the municipal year 2021/22 there were a total of eight co-optees involved in scrutiny six of which are serving the final year of their appointed 4-year term.

1.2 In light of the significant number of co-optees that will be stepping down at the end of the municipal year a recruitment campaign was launched in November 2021 aimed at attracting a new cohort of volunteers to work in scrutiny.

1.3 The recruitment campaign attracted 15 applicants from which 10 applicants went forward to the appointment stage of the process. This included attendance at one of two workshop sessions that were held during February 2022 that included input from Cllr Liz Smaje, Cllr Andrew Marchington and an existing co-optee.

1.4 All 10 applicants who attended a workshop session have been deemed suitable to be appointed as a voluntary scrutiny co-optee and OSMC is asked to appoint the following members of the public as co-optees:

- Helen Clay
- Jane Emery
- Oliver Gibson
- Garry Kitchin
- Jonathan Milner
- Ramzan Mohayuddin
- kristina Parkes
- James Ryan
- Graeme Sunderland
- Kim Taylor

1.5 All of the appointments are subject to the signing of the code of conduct, completing an induction programme and a successful probationary period. Allocation to scrutiny panel's and potentially a co-optee pool will be considered at the start of the municipal year 2022/23.

2. Information required to take a decision

As outlined in section 1.

3. Implications for the Council

Section 4 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules states that the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee will agree the appointment of non-voting co-optees for Committee or panels.

3.1 Working with People

N/A

3.2 Working with Partners

N/A

3.3 Place Based Working

N/A

3.4 Climate Change and Air Quality

N/A

3.5 Improving outcomes for children

N/A

3.6 Other (e.g. Legal/Financial or Human Resources)

N/A

4 Consultees and their opinions

Cllrs Liz Smaje and Andrew Marchington have been involved in the recruitment process and have considered the suitability of applicants. They are recommending that the applicants are appointed as co-optees subject to the conditions outlined in section 1.5.

5 Next steps and timelines

Following the appointments applicants will be invited to participate in an induction programme that will include observing panel meetings and attending a workshop that will focus on working in a political environment. Support and training will be provided based on identified need.

6 Officer recommendations and reasons

That OSMC formally appoint the ten applicants set out in section 1.4 as new co-optees in preparation for allocation for involvement in scrutiny in the 2022/23 municipal year.

7 Cabinet Portfolio Holder's recommendations

N/A

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9 Background Papers and History of Decisions

N/A

10 Service Director responsible

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