

**REPORT TITLE: APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINY CO-OPTees FOR 2025/26**

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>11 July 2025</b>
<b>Cabinet Member (if applicable)</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>
<b>Key Decision Eligible for Call In</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Purpose of Report: Allocation of Co-optees to Scrutiny Bodies for 2025/26</b>	
<b>Recommendations</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the allocation of scrutiny co-optees for the 2025/26 municipal year, as set out in paragraph 2.2, be agreed.</li> <li>2. That the existing serving co-optees be thanked for their continued commitment and contribution to the work of scrutiny in Kirklees.</li> <li>3. That the following retired co-optees be thanked for their contribution to the work of scrutiny: Jonathan Milner Jane Emery Gary Kitchin</li> </ol>	
<b>Reasons for Recommendations</b> At the beginning of each municipal year the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee is required to re-appoint the co-optees and allocate them to Panels.	
<b>Resource Implications:</b> Not applicable	
<b>Date signed off by <u>Executive Director</u> &amp; name</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>
<b>Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance?</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>
<b>Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning (Monitoring Officer)?</b>	<b>Samantha Lawton 26-6-25</b>

**Electoral wards affected:** All

**Ward councillors consulted:** Not applicable

**Public or private:** Public

**Has GDPR been considered?** Yes

## 1. Executive 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 Statutory co-optees are nominated by the Diocese or apply in their role as a school governor. Voluntary co-optees are appointed through recruitment, as and when appropriate. It is proposed to undertake a recruitment exercise during the current municipal year.

## 2. Information required to take a decision

- 2.1 At the start of the municipal year 2024/25 there were a total of six co-optees involved in scrutiny, three of whom resigned during the year.
- 2.2 Set out below is a table that includes the current co-optees and the proposed allocations for the 2025/26 municipal year.

Name	Allocation 2023/24	Proposed Allocation 2024/25
Helen Clay	Health and Adult Social Care	Health and Adult Social Care
Chris Friend	Regeneration and Growth	Regeneration and Growth
Kim Taylor	Health and Adult Social Care	Health and Adult Social Care

## 3. Implications for the Council

### 3.1 Council Plan

Co-optees may have specific skills, knowledge and experience which can assist scrutiny in its work, providing an alternative, external perspective. Their input helps to contribute to transparency, effective and accountable decision-making, and policy development across the whole range of services the Council provides and towards achievement of the priorities and shared outcomes set out within the Council Plan.

### 3.2 Financial Implications

Not applicable.

### 3.3 Legal Implications

Not applicable.

### 3.4 Climate Change and Air Quality

Not applicable.

### 3.5 Other (eg Risk, Integrated Impact Assessment or Human Resources)

Not applicable.

## 4. Consultation

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

- 5. Engagement**  
No engagement was necessary in respect of the contents of this report.
- 6. Options**
  - 6.1 Options considered**  
Not applicable
  - 6.2 Reasons for recommended option**  
Not applicable.
- 7. Next steps and timelines**  
Subject to the decision of the Committee, the co-optees will be advised of their allocated Panel.
- 8. Contact officer**  
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- 9. Background Papers and History of Decisions**  
None
- 10. Appendices**  
None
- 11. Service Director responsible**  
Samantha Lawton, Service Director, Legal, Governance and Commissioning