

Name of meeting: Corporate Governance and Audit Committee

Date: 12 May 2017

Title of report: Appointment of Scrutiny Co-optee for the 2017/18 municipal year

Purpose of report: To consider the appointment of an additional Scrutiny Co-optee for the remainder of the 2017/18 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 Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports?)	Not applicable
The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	Not applicable
Date signed off by Strategic Director & name	N/A
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance IT and Transactional Services?	N/A
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Governance and Commissioning Support?	Julie Muscroft
Cabinet member portfolio	Not applicable

Electoral wards affected: none specific

Ward councillors consulted: Not applicable

Public or private: Public

1. Summary

1.1 At the beginning of each municipal year the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee is required to reappoint the voluntary and statutory co-optees and allocate them to panels or the co-optee pool. Voluntary co-optees 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.

1.2 This year the Committee also agreed to bring back some former co-optees for the municipal year until a recruitment exercise can identify new co-optees.

2. Information required to take a decision

2.1 On 3 July 2017 the OSMC agreed to appoint two former Co-optees, Linda Summers and Jeff Peers to serve on the Corporate Scrutiny Panel for an additional year.

2.2 Since that decision was taken, Jeff Peers has relocated sooner than expected and is no longer resident in the Kirklees area and can therefore not serve as a co-optee. Following consultation with the Chair of Scrutiny, Philip Chaloner was approached to see if he wished to return as a scrutiny co-optee for the remainder of the 2017/18 municipal year. Mr Chaloner indicated that he would welcome the opportunity to be a co-optee again and he has attended the recent meeting of the Corporate Scrutiny Panel to start to get up to date on the work of the Panel.

2.3 The Committee is asked to formally approve the appoint of Mr Phillip Chaloner as a voluntary scrutiny co-optee for the remainder of the 2017 /18 municipal year.

3. Implications for the Council

3.1 Early Intervention and Prevention (EIP)

No specific implications

3.2 Economic Resilience (ER)

No specific implications

3.3 Improving Outcomes for Children

No specific implications

3.4 Reducing demand of services

No specific implications

3.5 Other (eg Legal/Financial or Human Resources)

Scrutiny co-optees are entitled to recover the costs of travel and parking expenses, however most do not take up this entitlement.

4. Consultees and their opinions

Not applicable

5. **Next steps**
If appointed officers will ensure Mr Chaloner receives the support and information required to take up the scrutiny co-optee role.

6. **Officer recommendations and reasons**

That the Management Committee approves the appointment of Mr Phillip Chaloner as a voluntary scrutiny co-optee for the remainder of the 2017/18 municipal year.

7. **Cabinet portfolio holder's recommendations**

Not applicable

8. **Contact officer**

Penny Bunker - Governance and Democratic Engagement Manager

9. **Background Papers and History of Decisions**

Not applicable

10. **Service Director responsible**

Julie Muscroft – Services Director, Legal, Governance and Commissioning