

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Overview & Scrutiny Committee **DATE:** 7th June, 2011

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PART I **FOR DECISION**

APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINY PANELS

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report seeks approval to the establishment of a number of Scrutiny Panels and the nomination of Members to serve on them.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Panels set out in paragraph 5.1 of this report be appointed for the 2011/12 municipal year.
- 2.2 That the Committee note the allocation of seats to the Panels (paragraph 5.2).
- 2.3 That the Committee agree the allocation of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Panels on the basis set out in paragraph 5.3 and that the Panels be invited to appoint their Chairs and Vice-Chairs at their first meetings.
- 2.4 That Members be appointed to serve on each of the Panels in accordance with the wishes expressed by Political Groups in respect of seats allocated to them as set out in paragraph 5.4 below.
- 2.5 That the co-opted Members listed in paragraphs 5.5 and 5.6 below be appointed to the Neighbourhoods & Community Services and Education & Children's Services Panels.

3 Community Strategy Priorities

There are no implications for the Community Strategy priorities as this report is administrative in nature.

3 Legal Human Rights and Other Implications

- 4.1 The recommendations meet the requirements of political proportionality as set out in Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and associated Regulations. There are no other implications arising from this report.

5. **Supporting Information**

- 5.1 The Committee is being recommended to re-appoint three Scrutiny Panels for the 2011/12 municipal year.
- 5.2 Scrutiny Panel seat allocations have been calculated to reflect actual group membership and statutory proportionality entitlements as follows:

Panel	Total Seats	Labour	Conservative	BILLD
Education & Children's Services Panel	9	6	2	1
Health Panel	9	6	2	1
Neighbourhoods & Community Services Scrutiny Panel	9	6	2	1

- 5.3 The Council's Constitution states that each Panel will consider electing a Chair and Vice Chair at its first meeting. The Chairs of the Panels' will be offered to a member of the Administration. The Vice Chairs will be offered to a member of the Opposition. A Panel may appoint any of its voting members if the offer is not accepted.
- 5.4 The political groups have been requested to nominate Members to sit on the Panels. Those received to date are set out below:-

Education & Children's Services Scrutiny Panel– Councillors Abe, Dar, Davis, P K Mann, Minhas, O'Connor, Sharif, Smith, S P Wright `

Health Scrutiny Panel– Councillors Chohan, Davis, Long, P K Mann, Munawar, Rasib, Plimmer, Sharif, Strutton

Neighbourhoods & Community Services Scrutiny Panel – Councillors Carter, Buchanan, Dar, Minhas, Munawar, Plenty, Sohal, Strutton, A S Wright

5.5 **Education & Children's Services Scrutiny Panel**

- 5.6 The Committee is asked to approve the appointment of the following education co-opted Members to the Education & Children's Services Panel:-

Voting Co-opted Members

(Church of England)- Nomination awaited from the Diocese
Mrs P Parker (Roman Catholic Church)- Nomination awaited from the Diocese
Parent Governor Representatives – Two nominations awaited from governing bodies.

Non-Voting Co-opted Members

Head Teacher Representative – Charlie McGeachie
Secondary School Teacher Representative – TBA

Primary School Teacher Representative – TBA

5.7 Neighbourhoods & Community Services Scrutiny Panel

The Committee is also asked to approve the following 3 appointments as non-voting co-opted members of the Neighbourhoods & Community Services Panel to speak on matters relating to housing:-

Slough Federation of Tenants and Residents- TBA

Chairperson of Customer Senate- TBA

Chairperson of Leasehold Forum-TBA

6. **Background Papers**

Local Government & Housing Act 1989 and associated Regulations.
Constitution