

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Overview & Scrutiny Committee **DATE:** 5th June, 2008

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PART I **FOR DECISION**

APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINY PANELS, ALLOCATION OF SEATS AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report seeks approval to the establishment of a number of 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 2008/09 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 according to that formula.
- 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 Community & Cultural Services and Education & Children's Services Panels.

3 Key Priority Implications

There are no implications for the Council's key 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 the four Overview and Scrutiny Panels for the 2008/09 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	BILLD	Conservative
Community & Cultural Services Panel	9	5	2	2
Education & Children's Services Panel	9	5	2	2
Green & Built Environment Panel	9	5	2	2
Health Panel	9	5	2	2

- 5.3 The Council's Constitution states that, as far as practicable, Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Scrutiny Panels will in total number reflect the political balance of the Council. This equates to 4 appointments to be offered to the Labour Group, 2 to the BILLD Group and 2 to the Conservative Group. The Administration has indicated that it will be offering the four Vice-Chair positions to the opposition groups.
- 5.4 The political groups have been requested to nominate Members to sit on the Panels. Those received to date are set out below:-

Community & Cultural Services – Councillors Davis, Grewal, Pabbi, Qureshi and Walsh.

Education & Children's Services – Councillors Bal, A S Dhaliwal, Mann, Pantelic and Qureshi.

Green & Built Environment – Councillors Davis, Matloob, Pabbi, Rasib & Walsh.

Health – Councillors Chohan, A S Dhaliwal, Dodds, Matloob and Pantelic.

- 5.5 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

Mr R Davey (Church of England)
Mrs P Parker (Roman Catholic Church)
Parent Governor Representatives – Two nominations awaited from Governing Bodies.

Non-Voting Co-opted Members

Head Teacher Representative – Nomination awaited from Head Teachers.
Secondary School Teacher Representative – Mr R Daniels
Primary School Teacher Representative – Ms S Hopkinson

5.6 The Committee is also asked to approve the appointment of Barbara Goldstein, Glynys Higgins and Heather Mason as non-voting co-opted members of the Community & Cultural Services Panel to speak on matters relating to the People 1st (Slough) ALMO.

5.7 The Committee is now requested to:

- Appoint the Panels listed in paragraph 5.2 above for 2008/09.
- Allocate seats on those Panels.
- Invite the Panels to appoint Chairs/Vice-Chairs at their first meetings according to the formula set out in paragraph 5.3.
- Appoint Members to serve on Panels in accordance with the wishes specified by Political Groups in respect of seats allocated to them (paragraph 5.4).
- Appoint the co-opted Members to serve on Panels as set out in paragraphs 5.5 and 5.6.

6. Background Papers

Local Government & Housing Act 1989 and associated Regulations.