

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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PART I **FOR DECISION**

MEMBERSHIP OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2015 /16

1 **Purpose of Report**

This report provides an update on the membership of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC).

2 **Recommendation**

That Members receive an update on, and give consideration to Councillor Bal's continued membership on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

3 **The Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy, the JSNA and the Five Year Plan**

There are no implications for the priorities of the Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy, the JSNA or the Five Year Plan as this report is administrative in nature.

4 **Other Implications**

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 Council meeting held on 19th May 2015 agreed to a new policy regarding non attendance. This meant that, in an instance where a Member missed three consecutive meetings of the same Committee or Panel, the Member will have their membership revoked unless the Panel consider that there are exceptional circumstances that need to be taken into account.

5.2 Councillor Bal was appointed as a Member of OSC for the Municipal Year 2015/16. Councillor Bal has given apologies for non-attendance at the following meetings:

- 12th January 2016 (Joint meeting with Overview and Scrutiny Committee)
- 20th January 2016

- 5.3 Should Councillor Bal miss the meeting of OSC on 4th February 2016 then his membership of OSC will need to be discussed. Cllr Bal has advised that he had been called away to India due to a family emergency but wishes to remain as a Member of OSC for the remainder of the municipal year.
- 5.4 Members of the Panel are asked to give consideration to Councillor Bal's continued membership of the Panel. The Panel has discretion to waive the revocation of this membership, should they consider that there are extenuating circumstances that need to be taken into account.
- 5.5 Should the Panel decide that Cllr Bal's membership of the Panel be revoked, the vacancy would be filled via a nomination by the Labour Group.

6. **Appendices**

None.

7. **Background Papers**

Slough Borough Council Constitution 2015, Part 4 – Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.