

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Overview & Scrutiny Committee

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PART I **FOR DECISION**

APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINY PANELS

1 Purpose of Report

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 2016/17 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 each Panel be invited to appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair at its first meeting.
- 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 – 5.6 below.
- 2.5 That the co-opted Members listed in paragraphs 5.4 – 5.6 below be appointed to the Education & Children's Services, Health Scrutiny and Neighbourhoods & Community Services Panels.

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

- 3.1 The Council's decision-making and the effective scrutiny of it underpins the delivery of all the Joint Slough Wellbeing Strategy priorities. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC), alongside the 3 Scrutiny Panels combine to meet the local authority's statutory requirement to provide public transparency and accountability, ensuring the best outcomes for the residents of Slough.
- 3.2 The work of scrutiny also reflects the priorities of the Five Year Plan, as follows:
 - Slough will be the premier location in the south east for businesses of all sizes to locate, start, grow, and stay
 - There will more homes in the borough, with quality improving across all tenures to support our ambition for Slough

- The centre of Slough will be vibrant, providing business, living, and cultural opportunities
- Slough will be one of the safest places in the Thames Valley
- More people will take responsibility and manage their own health, care and support needs
- Children and young people in Slough will be healthy, resilient and have positive life chances
- The Council's income and the value of its assets will be maximised
- The Council will be a leading digital transformation organisation

3.3 Overview and Scrutiny is a process by which decision-makers are accountable to local people, via their elected representatives for improving outcomes relating to all priorities for the Borough and its residents. Scrutiny seeks to influence those who make decisions by considering the major issues affecting the Borough and making recommendations about how services can be improved.

4 **Legal, Human Rights and 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 Committee is being recommended to appoint members to the three Scrutiny Panels for the 2016/17 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
Education & Children's Services Panel	9	7	2
Health Panel	9	7	2
Neighbourhoods & Community Services Scrutiny Panel	9	7	2

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. Nominations received are set out below:-

Education & Children's Services Scrutiny Panel – to be tabled.

Health Scrutiny Panel – to be tabled.

Neighbourhoods & Community Services Scrutiny Panel – to be tabled.

Education & Children's Services Scrutiny Panel

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 of Oxford

Roman Catholic Church – Jim Welsh

Parent Governor Representatives – Two nominations awaited from the Chairs of governing bodies.

Non-Voting Co-opted Members

Head Teacher Representative – Maggie Stacey

Secondary School Teacher Representative – Jo Rockall

Primary School Teacher Representative – Nomination awaited

5.5 Health Scrutiny Panel

Non-Voting Co-opted Members

The Committee is asked to approve the appointment of the following Health Co-opted Member to the Health Scrutiny Panel:-

Healthwatch Representative – Pretesh Singadia

Member from the Buckinghamshire Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee – Nomination Awaited

5.6 Neighbourhoods & Community Services Scrutiny Panel

The Committee is also asked to approve the following 2 appointments as non-voting co-opted members of the Neighbourhoods & Community Services Panel to speak on matters relating to housing:-

Active Tenant Group Representative – Nomination awaited

Leasehold Forum Representative – Nomination awaited

6. **Background Papers**

None