

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Overview and 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 three Scrutiny Panels and the appointment of Members to serve on them.

2 Recommendations

The Committee is requested to resolve:

- (a) That the Panels set out in paragraph 5.1 of this report be appointed for the 2020/21 Municipal Year.
- (b) That the allocation of seats to the Panels set out in paragraph 5.2 of the report be noted.
- (c) That the allocation of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of each Panel be agreed on the basis set out in paragraph 5.3 of the report. The Chair and Vice-Chair appointments will be ratified at the first meeting of each Panel.
- (d) That the Members of each Panel be appointed in accordance with the wishes expressed by the political groups in respect of seats allocated to them as set out in paragraph 5.3 of the report.
- (e) That the co-opted Members listed in paragraphs 5.4 – 5.6 of the report 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 three 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 reflects the priorities of the Five Year Plan, as follows:

- Slough children will grow up to be happy, healthy and successful
- Our people will be healthier and manage their own care needs
- Slough will be an attractive place where people choose to live, work and stay
- Our residents will live in good quality homes
- Slough will attract, retain and grow businesses and investment to provide opportunities for our residents

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 three Scrutiny Panels for the 2020/21 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	8	1
Health Panel	9	8	1
Neighbourhoods & Community Services Scrutiny Panel	9	8	1

5.3 The political groups have nominated Members to sit on the Panels and the Committee is requested to endorse the membership of the Panels, and Chair and Vice-Chair appointments as set out below:-

Education & Children's Services Scrutiny Panel – Cllrs Basra (Chair), Kelly (Vice-Chair), Ajaib, Begum, N.Holledge, Qaseem, A. Sandhu, Sarfraz and one Labour vacancy (To be confirmed).

Health Scrutiny Panel – Cllrs A.Sandu (Chair), Smith (Vice-Chair), Ali, Begum, Gahir, N. Holledge, Mohammad, Qaseem and Rasib.

Neighbourhoods & Community Services Scrutiny Panel – Cllrs Kelly (Vice-Chair), Ajaib, Gahir, M.Holledge, Hulme, Matloob, Minhas, S.Parmar and Plenty.
(Chair of the Panel to be confirmed)

The Chair and Vice-Chair appointments will be ratified at the first meeting of each Panel.

5.4 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:-

Education Voting Co-opted Members

Vacant

Education Non-Voting Co-opted Members

Paul Kassapian – Secondary School Representative

Fifi El Sayed – Slough Youth Parliament

5.5 Health Scrutiny Panel

Non-Voting Co-opted Members

The Committee is asked to approve the appointment of the following health co-opted members to the Health Scrutiny Panel:-

Healthwatch Representative – Colin Pill

A member from the Buckinghamshire Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee – nomination awaited.

5.6 Neighbourhoods & Community Services Scrutiny Panel

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

Residents Board Panel – Manvinder Matharu and Trevor Pollard

6. **Background Papers**

None.