

Report of the Chair

Scrutiny Programme Committee – 29 September 2014

MEMBERSHIP OF SCRUTINY PANELS AND WORKING GROUPS

Purpose	The Scrutiny Programme Committee is responsible for appointing members and conveners to the various scrutiny panels / working groups that are established. This report advises of relevant matters that need to be considered.
Content	The report reflects on recent changes to the Cabinet and implication on the membership of the various scrutiny panels and working groups.
Councillors are being asked to	Consider implications from recent changes to Cabinet and actions in respect of scrutiny panel and working group membership.
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Scrutiny Programme Committee is responsible for appointing members and conveners to the various scrutiny panels / working groups that are established.

2. Implications from Changes to Cabinet

- 2.1 There have been 6 changes to the Cabinet which means that those councillors can no longer participate in scrutiny. This means automatically removing the following councillors from scrutiny panels and working groups:

- Cllr Robert Francis-Davies
- Cllr Jane Harris
- Cllr David Hopkins
- Cllr Clive Lloyd
- Cllr Jennifer Raynor
- Cllr Mark Thomas

- 2.2 As a consequence the committee will need to consider the following issues:

- new convener to be appointed in place of Cllr Jane Harris for the Social Care at Home Inquiry Panel which is nearing completion
- new convener to be appointed in place of Cllr Mark Thomas for the Planning Services Working Group should further meetings be agreed by the committee (*taking into account feedback from the Working Group which will be reported to the committee shortly*)

In order to maintain continuity, it will be useful to have an existing Panel / Working Group member to act as Convenor.

- 2.3 Clearly, there will also have to be replacement members for Councillors Jane Harris and Mark Thomas on the Scrutiny Programme Committee. It is hoped that such appointments will be made at Council on 30 September.

3. Scrutiny Panel and Working Group Membership

- 3.1 The full membership list of Panels and Working Groups is attached as **Appendix 1**.
- 3.2 The committee may consider it appropriate to open up membership of some or all of the Panels / Working Groups as a result of changes, and considering also that 6 former executive members can now participate in scrutiny.
- 3.3 The following change in membership also requires the committee's agreement:

Corporate Building & Property Services Scrutiny Working Group:
ADD Councillor Phil Downing

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 There are no specific legal implications raised by this report.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 There are no specific financial implications raised by this report.

Background Papers: None

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