



Report of the Chair

Scrutiny Programme Committee – 16 August 2022

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:	This report is provided to facilitate any changes that need to be made.
Councillors are being asked to:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• agree the membership of Panels and Working Groups reported, and any other changes necessary.
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1. Introduction

1.1 In accordance with Council report 18 October 2012, when current scrutiny arrangements were agreed, the Scrutiny Programme Committee is responsible for appointing members and conveners to the various Scrutiny Panels / Working Groups that are established.

1.2 Following agreement of a new work programme at July's Committee expressions of interest were sought from all non-executive councillors to lead and/or participate in the following Panels and Working Groups:

- Inquiry Panel
 - Anti-Social Behaviour
- Performance Panels
 - Service Improvement & Finance
 - Education

- Adult Services
- Child & Family Services
- Development & Regeneration
- Climate Change & Nature

- Working Groups
 - Road Safety
 - Co-production
 - Healthy City
 - Customer Contact

1.3 The interest from Councillors on these Panels and Working Groups is reported for agreement (see **Appendix 1**).

1.4 This includes appointing the following Councillors as conveners of new activities:

- Cllr Terry Hennegan – Anti-Social Behaviour Inquiry Panel
- Cllr Hazel Morris – Road Safety Working Group
- Cllr Lyndon Jones – Co-production Working Group
- Cllr Mary Jones – Healthy City Working Group
- Cllr Rebecca Fogarty – Customer Contact Working Group

1.5 The membership of other existing scrutiny activities shown in the appendix is provided for information and completeness.

2. **Guiding Principles**

2.1 When determining membership / conveners or agreeing any changes there are some key considerations for the Committee:

- It is necessary for more than one political group to be represented on each Panel / Working Group.
- These bodies also need to be of a manageable size in terms of team working and effective questioning.
- To ensure that all political groups have opportunities and are engaged.
- Good scrutiny practice places emphasis on respect for minority party wishes around both chairing of such bodies and the work programme.
- Being fair and balanced in the appointment of conveners, when there is interest from more than one councillor, e.g. giving opportunity to those who have not acted as convener previously.
- The Committee should reflect on the existing 'balance' of conveners to help inform future appointments.
- A minimum of three members should be present at all Panel / Working Group meetings.

3. Legal Implications

3.1 There are no specific legal implications raised by this report.

4. Financial Implications

4.1 There are no specific financial implications raised by this report.

Background Papers: None

Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Scrutiny Panel / Working Group Membership List