



Report of the Chair of the Scrutiny Programme Committee

Scrutiny Programme Committee – 17 September 2024

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:	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 it establishes.

2. New Scrutiny Panels / Working Groups

- 2.1 Following agreement of a new Scrutiny Work Programme at July's Committee expressions of interest have been sought from all non-executive Councillors to lead and/or participate in the following new Panel and Working Groups:

- Inquiry Panel
- Grants

- Working Groups
 - Empty Properties
 - Public Engagement
 - Agile Working
 - Trees

2.2 Based on the interest received, the Committee is asked to agree the membership of these bodies as follows and appoint a convener to chair each:

Grants Inquiry Panel (11)

Labour Councillors: 3

Joe Hale	Mike White
Dai Jenkins	

Liberal Democrat/Independent Councillors: 5

Peter Black	Lynda James
Wendy Fitzgerald	Mark Tribe
Kevin Griffiths	

Conservative Councillor: 2

Paxton Hood-Williams	Francesca O'Brien
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Uplands Councillor: 1

Allan Jeffery	
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(these Councillors have been invited to express interest in acting as convener)

Empty Properties Working Group (12)

Labour Councillors: 3

Mair Baker	Mike White
Yvonne Jardine	

Liberal Democrat/Independent Councillors: 4

Peter Black	Lynda James
Wendy Fitzgerald	Michael Locke

Conservative Councillor: 3

Francesca O'Brien	Will Thomas
Brigitte Rowlands	

Uplands Councillor: 1

Stuart Rice	
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Green Councillor: 1

Chris Evans	
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(Cllr. Francesca O'Brien has expressed interest in acting as convener)

Public Engagement Working Group (7)

Labour Councillors: 3

Mair Baker	Lesley Walton
Yvonne Jardine	

Liberal Democrat/Independent Councillors: 3

Peter Black	Mark Tribe
Wendy Fitzgerald	

Conservative Councillor: 1

Lyndon Jones	
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Agile Working Working Group (5)

Labour Councillors: 1

Lesley Walton	
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Liberal Democrat/Independent Councillors: 2

Jeff Jones	Mary Jones
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Uplands Councillor: 2

Sandra Joy	Stuart Rice
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Trees Working Group (11)

Labour Councillors: 2

Adam Davis	Dai Jenkins
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Liberal Democrat/Independent Councillors: 4

Wendy Fitzgerald	Michael Locke
Mary Jones	Mark Tribe

Conservative Councillor: 3

Lyndon Jones	Will Thomas
Brigitte Rowlands	

Uplands Councillor: 1

Sandra Joy	Peter May
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Green Councillor: 1

Chris Evans	
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(Cllr. Peter May has expressed interest in acting as convener)

- 2.3 Interest will be kept open for the Public Engagement and Agile Working Working Groups as there is room for a few more Councillors to get involved. Additions will be reported for agreement in due course.

3. Revision to Existing Scrutiny Panel / Working Group Membership

3.1 No changes to report.

3.2 The Committee should note that the Adult Services Performance Panel has renewed its co-option of Mr Tony Beddow for the 2024/25 municipal year.

4. Guiding Principles

4.1 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.

5. Legal Implications

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

6. Financial Implications

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

Background Papers: None

Appendices: None