



## Report of the Chair of the Scrutiny Programme Committee

Scrutiny Programme Committee – 15 October 2024

### Membership of Scrutiny Panels and Working Groups

<b>Purpose:</b>	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.
<b>Content:</b>	This report is provided to facilitate any changes that need to be made.
<b>Councillors are being asked to:</b>	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 Further interest from Councillors was sought to participate in the new 'Public Engagement' and 'Agile Working' Scrutiny Working Groups.

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:

## Public Engagement Working Group (8)

### Labour Councillors: 4

Mair Baker	Yvonne Jardine
Joe Hale	Lesley Walton

### Liberal Democrat/Independent Councillors: 3

Peter Black	Mark Tribe
Wendy Fitzgerald	

### Conservative Councillor: 1

Lyndon Jones	
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(Cllr. Lyndon has expressed interest in acting as convener)

## Agile Working Working Group (7)

### Labour Councillors: 1

Lesley Walton	
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### Liberal Democrat/Independent Councillors: 2

Jeff Jones	Mary Jones
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### Conservative Councillor: 1

Angela O'Connor	
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### Uplands Councillor: 2

Sandra Joy	Stuart Rice
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### Other: 1

Beth Allender	Statutory Cooptee	Education	Scrutiny
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(Cllr. Stuart Rice has expressed interest in acting as convener)

### 3. Revision to Existing Scrutiny Panel / Working Group Membership

- 3.1 Climate Change & Nature Performance Panel – ADD Councillor Jess Pritchard.

### 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