



Report of the Chair

Scrutiny Programme Committee – 8 January 2018

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, and any other changes necessary
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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. Proposed Revision to Current Scrutiny Panel / Working Group Membership

- 2.1 None.

3. Proposed Membership of New Scrutiny Inquiry

- 3.1 Expressions of interest have been sought from all non-executive councillors to participate in the next identified inquiry topic which will look at Swansea's Natural Environment. The committee agreed at the

last meeting that this inquiry will be convened by Councillor Peter Jones. Following interest received the proposed membership will be reported to the committee meeting for agreement.

- 3.2 Arrangements will be made for a first inquiry panel meeting for a briefing on the topic area, and consideration of focus for any proposed inquiry and contribution scrutiny can make to this matter. Whilst terms of reference will need to be drawn up by the Panel it is suggested this inquiry could explore how well the Council has managed its natural environment and biodiversity under previous legislation, together with what will be needed to meet its new statutory responsibilities under the relevant provisions of the Welsh Government's Well-being of Future Generations and Environment Acts.

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

Appendices: None