



## Report of the Chair

Scrutiny Programme Committee – 14 January 2019

### 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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• agree the membership of Panels and Working Groups, and any other changes necessary</li></ul>
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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.

#### 2. Proposed Revision to Current Scrutiny Panel / Working Group Membership

2.1 None.

### **3. Membership of New Working Groups**

3.1 Expressions of interest from all non-executive councillors have been invited to participate in the next set of Working Group topics, in line with the agreed Scrutiny Work Programme:

- Tourism Working Group
- Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group
- Digital Inclusion Working Group

Feedback on interest will be reported to the Committee for agreement.

Interest in the remaining Working Group topic (Archive Service) will be invited in due course.

3.2 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.
- 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
- A minimum of three members should be present at all meetings.

### **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