



Report of the Chair

Scrutiny Programme Committee – 11 March 2019

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, 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.

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

- 2.1 Development & Regeneration Scrutiny Performance Panel.

ADD Councillors Joe Hale and Lynda James

Following this change the revised membership of this Panel will be 14:

Labour Councillors: 4

Joe Hale	Peter Jones
Terry Hennegan	Mike White

Liberal Democrat/Independent Councillors: 7

Peter Black	Jeff Jones (CONVENER)
Wendy Fitzgerald	Mary Jones
Chris Holley	Susan Jones
Lynda James	

Conservative Councillor: 3

Steve Gallagher	Paxton Hood-Williams
David Helliwell	

2.2 Digital Inclusion Working Group.

REMOVE Councillor Peter Black

Following this change the revised membership of this Panel will be 7:

Labour Councillors: 4

Louise Gibbard	Andrew Stevens
Hazel Morris	Lesley Walton (CONVENER)

Liberal Democrat/Independent Councillors: 2

Chris Holley	Jeff Jones
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Conservative Councillor: 1

David Helliwell	
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3. Guiding Principles

3.1 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.
- 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