



## Report of the Chair

Scrutiny Programme Committee – 8 July 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 reported, 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 Child & Family Services Performance Panel.

ADD Councillors Erika Kirchner and Wendy Lewis

Following this change the revised membership of this Panel will be 10:

**Labour Councillors: 7**

Cyril Anderson	Peter Jones
Mike Durke	Wendy Lewis
Yvonne Jardine	Des Thomas
Erika Kirchner	

**Liberal Democrat/Independent Councillors: 2**

Kevin Griffiths	Susan Jones
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**Conservative Councillors: 1**

<b>Paxton Hood-Williams (CONVENER)</b>	
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## 2.2 Development &amp; Regeneration Performance Panel.

ADD Councillor Will Thomas

Following this change the revised membership of this Panel will be 15:

**Labour Councillors: 4**

Joe Hale	Peter Jones
Terry Hennegan	Mike White

**Liberal Democrat/Independent Councillors: 7**

Peter Black	<b>Jeff Jones (CONVENER)</b>
Wendy Fitzgerald	Mary Jones
Chris Holley	Susan Jones
Lynda James	

**Conservative Councillors: 4**

Steve Gallagher	Paxton Hood-Williams
David Helliwell	Will Thomas

## 2.3 Education Performance Panel.

REMOVE Councillor Fiona Gordon

Following this change the revised membership of this Panel will be 16:

**Labour Councillors: 5**

Cyril Anderson	Beverley Hopkins
Mike Durke	Hazel Morris
Louise Gibbard	

**Liberal Democrat/Independent Councillors: 3**

Mike Day	Susan Jones
Lynda James	

**Conservative Councillors: 5**

Steve Gallagher	Myles Langstone
David Helliwell	Linda Tyler-Lloyd
<b>Lyndon Jones (CONVENER)</b>	

**Statutory Co-optees: 3**

David Anderson-Thomas	Parent Governor Representative
John Meredith	Church Representative
Alexander Roberts	Parent Governor Representative

**3. Performance Panel Conveners**

- 3.1 In accordance with the Committee's wishes, the following Performance Panels have met and appointed a convener for the 2019/20 municipal year, noted as follows:

<b>Performance Panel</b>	<b>Convener</b>
Education (13 June)	Councillor Lyndon Jones (newly appointed)
Adult Services (20 June)	Councillor Peter Black (re-appointed)
Service Improvement & Finance (24 June)	Councillor Chris Holley (re-appointed)
Child & Family Services (26 June)	Councillor Paxton Hood-Williams (re-appointed)

These Councillors will therefore attend Committee meetings as co-opted members.

NB – the Development & Regeneration Performance Panel will meet on 17 July.

**4. New Performance Panel**

- 4.1 Expressions of interest were invited from all non-executive Councillors to participate in a Natural Environment Performance Panel. Subject to the Committee agreeing to establish this Panel, the following 12 councillors would like to take part in this work:

**Labour Councillors: 6**

Peter Jones	Mary Sherwood
Hazel Morris	Christine Richards
Joe Hale	Lesley Walton

**Liberal Democrat/Independent Councillors: 2**

Wendy Fitzgerald	Mary Jones
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**Conservative Councillors: 3**

Brigitte Rowlands	Linda Tyler-Lloyd
Will Thomas	

**Uplands Councillors: 1**

Irene Mann	
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In accordance with the Committee wishes the Panel will be invited to appoint a convener at its first meeting.

**5. Guiding Principles**

5.1 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 meetings.

**6. Legal Implications**

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

**7. Financial Implications**

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

**Background Papers:** None

**Appendices:** None