



Report of the Chair of the Scrutiny Programme Committee

Scrutiny Programme Committee – 17 October 2023

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 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 are established.

2. New Scrutiny Panels / Working Groups

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to agree the membership of the Community Assets Scrutiny Inquiry Panel as follows, with Cllr Stuart Rice as Convener:

Community Assets Scrutiny Inquiry Panel (12)

Labour Councillors: 3

Joe Hale	Yvonne Jardine
Victoria Holland	

Liberal Democrat/Independent Councillors: 5

Wendy Fitzgerald	Michael Locke
Chris Holley	Cheryl Philpott
Sue Jones	

Conservative Councillors: 1

Will Thomas	
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Uplands Councillors: 3

Allan Jeffery	Stuart Rice (CONVENER)
Sandra Joy	

2.2 Interest is still being sought for the Community Growing Working Group and will be reported for agreement in due course.

3. Revision to Existing Scrutiny Panel / Working Group Membership

3.1 The following changes to existing Panels / Working Groups is also proposed:

- Child & Family Services Performance Panel – REMOVE Councillor Cheryl Philpott

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