

# **Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Management Board**

**8 April 2024**

## **Appointment of Non- statutory, Non-voting Co-optees**



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### **Report of Paul Darby, Corporate Director of Resources**

#### **Electoral division(s) affected:**

Countywide

#### **Purpose of the Report**

- 1 To request that the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Management Board re-appoint the current serving non-statutory, non-voting co-optees for a further two-years.

#### **Executive summary**

- 2 Each Overview and Scrutiny Committee (AWH, S&S, E&E, ESC and C&YPs) excluding the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (COSMB) can appoint up to two non-statutory, non-voting co-optees. These co-optees bring specialist knowledge and an element of external challenge to the Overview and Scrutiny process.
- 3 Non-statutory, non-voting co-optees are appointed in accordance with a protocol which stipulates the application, interview and appointment process to be followed. The current serving co-optees were appointed in accordance with the requirements of the protocol in early June 2022 for two years.
- 4 The term of appointment for the current serving co-optees will come to an end in June 2024 and therefore the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Management Board in accordance with paragraph six of the attached protocol is requested to extend the term of appointment for co-optees for a further two years. A full review of non-statutory, non-voting co-optee membership would then be undertaken in 2026.

## **Recommendations**

- 5 Members of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Management Board are recommended to:
  - (a) Agree the extension of the term of appointment of existing non-statutory, non-voting co-optees for a further two years in accordance with paragraph six of the attached protocol (Appendix 2).
  - (b) Agree that a full review of non-statutory, non-voting co-optee membership is undertaken in 2026.

## **Background**

- 6 In June 2022 an extensive recruitment exercise was undertaken to fill the ten non-statutory, non-voting co-optee vacancies. The recruitment process included publicising the vacancies via the Area Action Partnerships (AAPs), DCC website and social media. This resulted in 21 applications applying for the ten vacancies with formal interviews held in June 2022.
- 7 The successful applicants were appointed for a two-year period with their term of appointment coming to an end in June 2024. In order to keep continuity of expertise it is recommended that the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Management Board in accordance with paragraph six of the attached protocol extend the term of appointment for a further two years.
- 8 It is planned that a full review of non-statutory, non-voting co-optee membership will be undertaken in 2026 which will involve publicising the vacancies via social media and a formal interview process prior to appointment.
- 9 Should the extension to the term of appointment be agreed by the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Management Board then the current serving non-statutory, non-voting co-optees would be contacted to ascertain whether they are interested in serving for a further two years. Those non-statutory, non-voting co-optees who do wish to serve for a further two years would then automatically be re-appointed.
- 10 Where current serving co-optees have not been attending meetings of the respective Overview and Scrutiny Committee they will be contacted to clarify whether their personal circumstances have changed since their appointment, and they will be advised that if they can no-longer commit to



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## **Appendix 1: Implications**

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### **Legal Implications**

Not applicable

### **Finance**

Not applicable

### **Consultation**

Not applicable

### **Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty**

Not applicable

### **Climate Change**

Not applicable

### **Human Rights**

Not applicable

### **Crime and Disorder**

Not applicable

### **Staffing**

Not applicable.

### **Accommodation**

Not applicable.

### **Risk**

Not applicable

### **Procurement**

Not applicable