

ADULTS AND HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 5
11 July 2023	PUBLIC REPORT

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APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED MEMBERS 2023/2024

RECOMMENDATIONS
<p>It is recommended that the Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appoint Parish Councillor Neil Boyce as a Co-opted Member with no voting rights to represent the rural area for the municipal year 2023/2024. Appointment to be reviewed annually at the beginning of the next municipal year. 2. Appoint Parish Councillor Mark Ormston as the nominated substitute for Parish Councillor Neil Boyce should they be appointed as the non-voting Co-opted Member representing the rural area. Appointment to be reviewed annually at the beginning of the next municipal year. 3. Appoint Christine De Wilde to the Committee as an Independent Co-opted Member with no voting rights for the municipal year 2023/2024. Appointment to be reviewed annually at the beginning of the next municipal year. 4. Appoint Sandie Burns to the Committee as an Independent Co-opted Member with no voting rights for the municipal year 2023/2024. Appointment to be reviewed annually at the beginning of the next municipal year.

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 The report is presented to the Committee on behalf of the Director of Law and Governance.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

2.1 The purpose of this report is to request that the Committee appoint Parish Councillor Neil Boyce, Mark Ormston as the substitute for Parish Councillor Neil Boyce, Chris De Wilde and Sandie Burns MBE as a Non-Voting Co-opted Members for Municipal year 2023/2024 to the Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee in accordance with Part 3, Section 4 – Overview and Scrutiny Functions:

Paragraph 4.3 The Scrutiny Committees shall be entitled to co-opt, as non-voting members, up to four external representatives or otherwise invite participation from non-members where this is relevant to their work.

And Part 4, Section 8 – Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules: Paragraph 3 - CO-OPTED MEMBERS

3.1 As well as any statutory co-opted members, Scrutiny Committees can co-opt up to four non-votir

members on to the Committee.

3.2 There must be at least one non-voting position reserved for a Parish Councillor from a rural area with one substitute member. The Parish Council Liaison Committee will decide these.

3.3 A Scrutiny Committee can co-opt a further three members at its discretion. One of these can be a second parish council member identified by the Parish Council Liaison Committee.

2.2 This report is for the Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee to consider under its Terms of Reference No. 4.3 of Part 3, Section 4 – Overview and Scrutiny Functions – Co-optees.

3. TIMESCALES

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	N/A
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4. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

4.1 Parish Councillor Co-opted Members

4.2 Each Scrutiny committee has the ability to co-opt up to four non-voting co-opted members one of which will be a Parish Councillor representing the rural area to ensure the voice of the rural communities are reflected.

4.2.1 Parish Councillor co-opted members are nominated through a process which is handled by the Parish Council Liaison Committee working group. Any expressions of interest received are assessed by the working group and final nominations are then put forward to the relevant committee for approval. The Parish Council Liaison Working Group has therefore proposed that Parish Councillor Neil Boyce be nominated as the substantive co-opted member to represent the rural area on the Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee and that Parish Councillor Mark Ormston be nominated as the substitute should the Committee decide to appoint Parish Councillor Neil Boyce as the substantive co-opted member.

4.2.2 It is therefore proposed that the Committee approve the appointment of Neil Boyce as a Parish Councillor Co-opted Member of this committee to represent the rural area and consider the appointment of Parish Councillor Mark Ormston as the substitute for Parish Councillor Neil Boyce for the municipal year 2023/2024

5. Independent Co-opted Members

5.1 Chris De Wilde – Peterborough Council for Voluntary Service

Chris has closely worked with the Peterborough City Hospital and Peterborough Social Care Services. She has 18 years of experience in the third sector, 15 of these years were within and managing the PCVS Direct Payment Support Service. In her current role, she analyses the finances of Direct Payment recipients to ensure that the spending is within the care plan and cost effective. Part of her responsibility involves supporting Direct Payment Service to ensure service users be able to have control of their care packages. This often involves negotiating with Social Care on the agreed rates for the care, she therefore brings a well-rounded and balanced view to the Committee.

5.2 Sandie Burns MBE – Disability Peterborough

Sandie is the CEO of Disability Peterborough and has worked for over 30 years with adults who have long term health conditions and disabilities. She was recognised for her work with disabled people and awarded MBE in the Queens Jubilee Birthday honours list. She is a strong advocate for equality, social justice and social inclusion. She is a member of the Disability Rights UK Our

Voices Panel, in which she meets CEOs of Disabled Peoples organisations from around the country to review policies that affect disabled people and share their expertise. She is also a Member of the Regional Stakeholder Network organised by the Office of Disability Issues. She has expressed a keen interest to join the Committee as a co-opted non-voting member.

Having reviewed the expression of interests received from Chris De Wilde and Sandie Burns MBE the Committee agreed to put Chris De Wilde and Sandie Burns MBE forward as a Co-opted Non-voting Member for this municipal year.

It is therefore proposed that the Committee approve the appointment of Chris De Wilde and Sandie Burns MBE as an independent Co-opted Members of the Committee for this municipal year.

NEXT STEPS

If the Committee agree to appoint the above nomination as a co-opted member of the Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee from 11 July 2023, they will be able to attend and take part in all meetings of the Committee and any Task and Finish Groups that the Committee agree that they may be assigned to with no voting rights. If Parish Councillor Mark Ormston is appointed as a substitute he may attend and take part in any meeting when asked to attend as a substitute for Parish Councillor Neil Boyce.

6. CONSULTATION

None.

7. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

- 7.1 The inclusion of the co-opted members will allow the Committee a wider, more diverse input to discussion, drawing on the relevant expertise of the additional members.

8. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 8.1 The recommendation is made to assist the Scrutiny Committee in fulfilling its terms of reference as set out in the constitution Part 3, Section 4 – Overview and Scrutiny Functions:

4.3 The Scrutiny Committees shall be entitled to co-opt, as non-voting members, up to four external representatives or otherwise invite participation from non-members where this is relevant to their work.

9. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 9.1 None.

10. IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Financial Implications

Co-opted Members will receive a special responsibility allowance of £250 per annum as stated in the Members' Allowances Scheme.

10.2 Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications with what is proposed.

10.3 **Equalities Implications**

Members are keen to ensure that the Committee membership is as inclusive as possible and provides relevant expertise in accordance with the terms of reference for this committee.

10.4 **Rural Implications**

The appointment of a Parish Councillor as a co-opted member representing the rural area will ensure that the voice of the rural communities is reflected.

10.5 **Other Implications**

None.

11. **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

None.

12. **APPENDICES**

None.