

GROWTH, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 5
18 JULY 2022	PUBLIC REPORT

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APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED MEMBERS 2023/204

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: Director of Law and Governance	Deadline date: N/A
<p>It is recommended that the Growth, Resources and Communities Scrutiny Committee</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appoint Parish Councillor Mark Ormston 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 Terrance Young 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. 	

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 Councillors Mark Ormston and Terrance Young as Non-Voting Co-opted Members for the municipal year 2023/2024 to the Growth, Resources and Communities Scrutiny Committee in accordance with Part 3, Section for 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-voting 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 Growth, Resources and Communities 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**

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 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 the Working Group receive are assessed and final nominations are then put forward to the relevant committee for approval. The Parish Council Liaison Working Group has therefore proposed that Parish Councillors Mark Ormston and Terrance Young be nominated as the substantive co-opted members to represent the rural area on the Growth, Resources and Communities Scrutiny Committee.

- 4.2.1 It is therefore proposed that the Committee approve the appointment of Mark Ormston and Terrance Young as Parish Councillor Co-opted Members of this committee to represent the rural area.

5 **NEXT STEPS**

- 5.1 If the Committee agree to appoint the above nominees as co-opted members of the Growth, Resources and Communities Scrutiny Committee from 18 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.

6. **CONSULTATION**

- 6.1 *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 recommendations are made to assist the Scrutiny Committee in fulfilling the 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 may receive a special responsibility allowance of £250 per annum as stated in the Members' Allowances Scheme.

10.2 Legal Implications

There are no legal implication in respect of 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.

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