

<b>SCRUTINY COMMISSION FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES</b>	<b>Agenda Item No. 4</b>
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## Report of the Community Capacity Manager

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### APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED MEMBERS

#### 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to request that the Commission consider whether they wish to retain the four co-optee positions appointed from the Parish Liaison Forum. These positions are currently occupied by Henry Clark, Philip Nuttall, Joe Dobson and Keith Lievesley.
- 1.2 The ability for the Commission to appoint co-optees is set out in the Constitution (Part 4, Section 8 – Scrutiny Committee and Scrutiny Commission Procedure Rules, paragraph 3: Co-optees):

*3.1 The Scrutiny Committee or Scrutiny Commissions shall be entitled to co-opt, as non-voting members, external representatives or otherwise invite participation from non-members where this is relevant to their work.*

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Commission consider the continued membership of up to 4 co-opted members from the Parish Liaison Forum. Henry Clark, Philip Nuttall, Joe Dobson and Keith Lievesley are currently co-opted to the Commission as Independent Co-optees with no voting rights.
- 2.2 As this is to be reviewed on an annual basis, it is further recommended that the Parish Liaison Forum have the opportunity to nominate, via their own voting processes, alternative members to be co-opted on their behalf.

#### 3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Henry Clark, Philip Nuttall, Joe Dobson and Keith Lievesley became co-opted members of this Commission in January 2015 for the purpose of providing input to the development and review of the Rural Vision and Parish Charter and their term of office was for the remainder of the municipal year 2015/2016 to be reviewed at the first meeting of the new municipal year 2016/2017.
- 3.2 Henry Clark, Philip Nuttall, Joe Dobson and Keith Lievesley have provided valuable input into the production of the Rural Vision and Parish Charter and have been active and valuable members of the Commission providing effective and challenging scrutiny at meetings. The four co-opted members are representatives of the Parish Liaison Forum.

#### 4. IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None

#### 5. CONSULTATION

5.1 None

**6. NEXT STEPS**

6.1 If the Committee agree to retain up to four independent co-opted members and the Parish Liaison Forum agreed to the continuation of the current co-optees (Henry Clark, Philip Nuttall, Joe Dobson and Keith Lievesley) they can continue to attend all meetings of the Committee and any Task and Finish Groups that the Committee agree that they may be assigned to. The co-optees will however have no voting rights. If alternative nominations are put forward by the Parish Liaison Forum they will have the same rights as the current co-opted members.

**7. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

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

7.1 None

**8. APPENDICES**

8.1 None