

HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 5
9 JULY 2019	PUBLIC REPORT

Report of:	Director of Law and Governance	
Cabinet Member(s) responsible:	Cabinet Member for Digital Services and Transformation	
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APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED MEMBERS

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S
<p>It is recommended that the Health Scrutiny Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appoint Dr Steve Watson as a non-voting co-opted member for the municipal year 2019/2020. Appointment to be reviewed annually at the beginning of the next municipal year. 2. Appoint Parish Councillor June Bull as a non-voting co-opted member to represent the rural area for the municipal year 2019/2020. 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 Dr Steve Watson and Parish Councillor June Bull as Non-Voting Co-opted Members for municipal year 2019/20 to the 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-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 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 **Independent Co-opted Members**

Dr Steve Watson

The Committee have for some time wanted to add additional expertise to the membership of the Committee by co-opting further members with a medical or health related background. Dr Watson who has been a GP for some years and is now retired was therefore appointed as a co-opted member of the committee on 4 September 2017. Dr Watson has been an active and valuable member of the committee providing positive input and effective and challenging scrutiny at all meetings and has expressed a keen interest in continuing as a co-opted member.

It is therefore proposed that the Committee approve the appointment of Dr Steve Watson as an Independent co-opted member of the Committee for the municipal year 2019/20.

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. The nomination will be decided by the Parish Council Liaison meeting. The Parish Council Liaison has therefore proposed that Parish Councillor June Bull be nominated to represent the rural area on the Health Scrutiny Committee.

It is therefore proposed that the Committee approve the appointment of June Bull as a Parish Councillor co-opted member of this committee to represent the rural area for the municipal year 2019/20.

NEXT STEPS

If the Committee agree to appoint the above nominations as co-opted members of the Health Scrutiny Committee from 9 July 2019, 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.

5. **CONSULTATION**

5.1 None

6. **ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT**

6.1 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.

7. **REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

7.1 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. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

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

Legal Implications

9.2 Due process has been followed with regards to the appointment of the co-opted members.

Equalities Implications

9.3 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.

Rural Implications

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

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

10.1 None.

11. APPENDICES

11.1 None.

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