

<b>ADULTS AND HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>	AGENDA ITEM No. 5
<b>09 JULY 2024</b>	<b>PUBLIC REPORT</b>

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**APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED MEMBERS 2024/2025**

<b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>
<p>It is recommended that the Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Appoint Sandie Burns to the Committee as an Independent Co-opted Member with no voting rights for the municipal year 2024/2025 Appointment to be reviewed annually at the beginning of the next municipal year.</li> <li>2. Appoint Caroline Tyrrell-Jones to the Committee as an Independent Co-opted Member with no voting rights for the municipal year 2024/2025 Appointment to be reviewed annually at the beginning of the next municipal year.</li> <li>3. Appoint Christine De Wilde to the Committee as an Independent Co-opted Member with no voting rights for the municipal year 2024/2025. Appointment to be reviewed annually at the beginning of the next municipal year.</li> </ol>

**1. ORIGIN OF REPORT**

1.1 The report is presented to the Committee on behalf of the Director for Legal and Governance and Monitoring Officer and the Senior Democratic Services Officer.

**2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT**

2.1 The purpose of this report is to request that the Committee appoint Sandie Burns, Caroline Tyrrell-Jones and Christine De Wilde as Non-Voting Co-opted Members for the Municipal year 2024/2025 to the Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee in accordance with Paragraph 4.3 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.*

**3. TIMESCALES**

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

### **Independent Co-opted Members**

4.1 At the annual work programming session, the Chair, Vice Chair and Group Representatives considered expressions of interest from three individuals who wished to be co-opted on to the Committee.

The expressions of interest can be found below.

### **4.2 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 10 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.

### **4.3 Caroline Tyrrell-Jones - Communities Programme Manager, Healthwatch Cambridgeshire and Healthwatch Peterborough**

Caroline has been a member of the Senior Management Team at Healthwatch Cambridgeshire and Peterborough since February 2018 and oversees many areas of the core business including the engagement programmes, the Adult Social Care Partnership Boards and public health and care forums. She represents the Healthwatch at the North Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Care Partnership Board. Caroline is currently working in partnership with the Business Development Manager to manage and oversee the work of the Healthwatch as they seek to recruit a new Chief Executive Officer.

### **4.4 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.

### **4.5 NEXT STEPS**

If the Committee agree to appoint the above nominations as co-opted members of the Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee from 09 July 2024, 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**

The Chair, Vice Chair and Group Representatives of the Committee are all aware and support the appointments outlined above.

## **6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT**

6.1 The inclusion of the co-opted members will allow the Committee to have 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 the Scrutiny Committee to formally appoint the Independent Co-opted Members. The Committee are required to approve the appointment before the co-optees can take part as non-voting members of the Committee.

## **8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

8.1 Not having co-opted members. This option was considered by the Chair, Vice Chair and Group Representatives determined that this would not benefit the work of the Committee.

## **9. IMPLICATIONS**

### **9.1 Financial Implications**

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

### **9.2 Legal Implications**

The formal appointment of a co-optee onto a Scrutiny Committee is provided for in the Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities (Committee System) (England) Regulations 2012 sets out the powers of committees, including those of co-opted members.

### **9.3 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.

### **9.4 Rural Implications**

None.

## **10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

None.

## **11. APPENDICES**

None.

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