

ADULTS AND HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 5
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SUPPLEMENTARY APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED MEMBERS 2024/2025

RECOMMENDATIONS
<p>It is recommended that the Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appoint Parish Councillor Dierdre Hardy as an Independent Co-opted Member with no voting rights to represent the rural area for the municipal year 2024/2025. 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 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 Parish Councillors Dierdre Hardy 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?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	N/A
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4. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

4.1 Parish Council 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.

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 Councillor

Dierdre Hardy be nominated as the substantive co-opted member to represent the rural area on the Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee.

4.2 NEXT STEPS

If the Committee agree to appoint the above nomination from 17 September, 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.