

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 5
18 SEPTEMBER 2024	PUBLIC REPORT

Report of:	Neil McArthur, Director of Legal and Governance and Monitoring Officer	
Contact Officer(s):	Charlotte Cameron, Senior Democratic Services Officer	Tel.01733 384628

SUPPLEMENTARY APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED MEMBERS 2024/2025

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: Director of Legal and Governance and Monitoring Officer	Deadline date: N/A
<p>It is recommended that the Climate Change and Environment Scrutiny Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Appoint Matthew Bradbury 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. 	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 The report is presented to the Committee on behalf of the Director of Legal and Governance, 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 Matthew Bradbury as Non-Voting Co-opted Member for the municipal year 2024/2025 to the Climate Change and Environment 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.

2.2 This report is for the Climate Change and Environment 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
---	-----------	----------------------------------	------------

4. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

4.1 At the committee's annual work programming session held on 11 June 2024 Members discussed the co-opted membership of the committee and requested that expressions of interest be sought from persons with knowledge and expertise in the following areas: climate change, the environment and areas relevant to the terms of reference of this Committee.

Independent Co-opted Members

4.2 Following the annual work programming session, the Chair, Vice Chair and Group Representatives considered an expression of interest from an independent individual who wished to be co-opted on to the Committee.

4.3 Matthew Bradbury

Excerpt taken from Natural Cambridgeshire's website:
<https://naturalcambridgeshire.org.uk/people/matthew-bradbury/>

“Matthew’s career has been in land management and conservation, including 20 years as a farmer and consultant, providing practical and strategic advice to landowners, NGO’s and public bodies on environmentally friendly land management.

He was formerly Head of Nature Reserves and Deputy Director at Norfolk Wildlife Trust and Head of Operations at the Land Trust. For the last seven years, he has been Chief Executive of Nene Park Trust and its subsidiaries. Matthew also holds a number of non-exec positions, including Vice-Chair of the Broads Authority, Chair of the Peterborough Towns Fund Board, Director of University College Peterborough, Trustee of Metal and Co-Chair of the Peterborough Cultural Alliance.”

Natural Cambridgeshire would like to thank members of this committee for the opportunity to participate in their work.

Having reviewed the expression of interest received from Matthew Bradbury the Committee agreed to put him forward as a Co-opted Member for this municipal year.

It is therefore proposed that the Committee approve the appointment of Matthew Bradbury as a Co-opted Member of the Committee for this municipal year.

5. NEXT STEPS

5.1 If the Committee agree to appoint the above nomination as a co-opted member of the Climate Change and Environment Scrutiny Committee from 18 September 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.

6. CONSULTATION

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

7. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

7.1 The inclusion of 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 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.

9. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

9.1 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.

10. IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Financial Implications

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

10.2 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.

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

This page is intentionally left blank