

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD– 14th SEPTEMBER 2012

APPOINTMENT OF TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL CO-OPTEEES

REPORT OF SCRUTINY GROUP SPECIALIST

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To consider the recommendations made by the Scrutiny Chairmen and appoint Town and Parish Council Co-optees.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Members agree the nominations as set out in Section 5.1 of this report.

3.0 PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 3.1 SMB -34
SMB-45

4.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 4.1 Scrutiny Management Board agreed in March 2012 to co-opt members of Town and Parish Council's in Telford and Wrekin on to the 5 Scrutiny Committees. The Town and Parish Council's were consulted on the process and the Association of Local Councils supported the principal of appointing Town and Parish Council Co-optees. It was agreed that there would be two places on each Committee for Town and Parish Co-optees (If there were an existing co-optee who was a Town or parish Councillor there would be one place for anew Co-optee)

5.0 NOMINATIONS

- 5.1 Seven nominations were put forward by Town and Parish Council's in the Borough. Each nominee provided a personal statement setting out why they wanted to be involved in Scrutiny and the skills and experience

they could bring to the role and the Scrutiny Committee(s) they would be interested in attending. There were more nominations than there were places available on the Housing, Economy and Infrastructure Scrutiny Committee. The Scrutiny Chairmen considered anonymised personal statements and suggested that some of the nominees may wish to be considered for a co-optee role on an alternative Scrutiny Committee. One nominee was not recommended to take a place on a Committee. The Scrutiny chairs also recommended that two Town and Parish Council Co-optees are co-opted on to the Housing, Economy and Infrastructure Scrutiny Committee in addition to the existing Co-optee who is a Town and Parish Councillor. Following discussion with some of the nominees and the Town and Parish Clerks Scrutiny Management Board are asked to consider the following nominations for the Scrutiny Committees:

Town /Parish Council	Name of Nominee	Scrutiny Committee
Newport	Fiona Robinson	Budget and Finance Scrutiny Committee
Oakengates	John Ellis	Co-operative and Community Scrutiny Committee
Oakengates	Steven Reynolds	Housing, Economy and infrastructure Scrutiny Committee
Rodington	Dave Johnson	Housing Economy and Infrastructure Scrutiny Committee
Wellington	Roger Aveley*	Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee
Wellington	Ralph Perkins	Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Committee

*To review after 6 months

6.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

6.1 The process was open to all Members of Town and Parish Councils and nominations have been considered on the basis of the statements provided.

7.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

7.1 There is no direct environmental impact resulting from this report.

8.0. LEGAL COMMENT

- 8.1 Section 21(10) of the Local Government Act 2000 provides that a Scrutiny Committee can include members who are not elected Members of the Authority. The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 provide that allowances can be paid to co-optees.

9.0 LINKS WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 9.1 Co-opting Town and Parish Council Members on Scrutiny Committees is in line with the Co-operative Council Values.

10. OPPORTUNITIES AND RISKS

- 10.1 The process to appoint Town and Parish Co-optees is an opportunity to strengthen the Scrutiny process and develop links with town and Parish Councils.

11. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 If all of the 6 Town and Parish Council members claim a Co-optees allowance then the total cost to the Council would be £1,560 per annum. This could be accommodated within the current revenue budget for member allowances.
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12. WARD IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 Scrutiny Committees do not focus on specific ward issues but co-opting Town and Parish Co-optees is a way of improving communication with local councils and identifying local issues that are relevant to Scrutiny.

13. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 13.1 None

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