

SCRUTINY BOARD

APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINY AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT PANELS

Report of the Democratic Services Officers

Cabinet Lead for Governance and Organisational Development: Councillor Wilson

Key Decision: N/A

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To give the Board an opportunity to:

- (a) appoint the Scrutiny Leads;
- (b) appoint the five Scrutiny and Policy Development Panels and the Scrutiny Leads Panel and the membership of these Panels, and
- (c) co-opt Councillor Ponsonby onto the Scrutiny Board as a non voting member.

2.0 Recommendation

That the Board:

- 2.1 Appoints the Scrutiny Leads as set out in Appendix B;
- 2.2 Appoints Scrutiny and Policy Development Panels and the Scrutiny Leads Panel as set out in Appendix B;
- 2.3 Appoints members to the Panels as set out in Appendix B
- 2.5 Agrees that the Board be responsible for the liaising with the Leader of the Council on future policies and work relating to his specific responsibilities and holding him to account on agreed action arising from previous scrutiny reviews relating to his specific responsibilities
- 2.6 For the purposes of Section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006 the Scrutiny Board be designated as the "Crime and Disorder Committee" with responsibility to scrutinise the way in which persons and bodies responsible for tackling crime and disorder discharge their functions
- 2.7 Co-opts Councillor Faith Ponsonby onto the Scrutiny Board as a non-voting member

3.0 Summary

- 3.1 The Scrutiny Board was appointed to at the Annual Council meeting on 11 May 2016.
- 3.2 The Scrutiny Board is the principal Overview and Scrutiny body with 5 Policy and Development Policy Panels undertaking reviews and reporting their findings and recommendations to the Scrutiny Board. The Board is also assisted by a Scrutiny Leads Panel, which monitors the Council's performance.
- 3.3 The proposed structure as set out in Appendix A is intended to ensure the effectiveness of the Council's overview and scrutiny function and enable it to provide a significant role in assisting the Council in its future development. The terms of reference for the Panels are set out in Appendix B
- 3.4 The roles and duties of the Chairman of the Scrutiny Board, Scrutiny Leads, Panel and Board members are set out in Overview and Scrutiny Toolkit
- 3.5 The Police and Justice Act 2006 requires the Council to designate a committee (the "Crime and Disorder Committee") with powers to scrutinise the way in which persons and bodies responsible for tackling crime and disorder discharge their functions. This Committee must meet at least once a year, must be politically balanced and is subject to the publication and access to information rules applied to standing Committees of the Council. It is therefore recommended that this the Scrutiny Board acts as the "Crime and Disorder Committee".
- 3.6 The Council's Scrutiny Standing Orders enable the Scrutiny Board to appoint up to two people as non voting co-optees, provided that a majority of the members of the Board are elected members.
- 3.7 The Board is requested to continue to co-opt Councillor Ponsonby to this Board

4.0 Implications

4.1 Resources

There are no additional financial costs arising from the recommendations.

4.2 Legal

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

4.3 Strategy

The work of the Scrutiny Panels helps to ensure that new strategies are robust and actions are undertaken to deliver the desired outcomes.

4.4 Risks

The Board needs to ensure that there are clear outcomes from the scrutiny process that impact positively upon the people and communities within the borough and link to corporate priorities.

4.5 Communications

The Scrutiny Board needs to continue to promote and demonstrate clearly how it is contributing towards the improvement and efficiency of Havant Borough Council.

4.6 For the Community

The scrutiny reviews attempt to involve, if appropriate, local residents, community and voluntary sector groups; businesses etc and the views and evidence gathered are fed into the individual reports.

4.7 The Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) has been completed and concluded the following: N/A

Appendices:

Appendix A – Scrutiny Structure Diagram

Appendix B – Proposed membership of Scrutiny Panels

Background Papers: Nil

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