

# Agenda



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## Special Scrutiny Committee

**Monday, 14th October, 2024 at 4.00 pm,**  
Queen Elizabeth Room, Scaitcliffe House, Ormerod Street, Accrington

### Membership

Chair: Councillor Bernard Dawson MBE  
Vice-Chair: Councillor Clare Pritchard

Councillors Heather Anderson, Zak Khan, Clare McKenna, Clare Yates and Mohammed Younis

Co-optees: Shahed Mahmood and Andy Tatchell

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## AGENDA

1 **Apologies for Absence and Substitutions** *F\_PR*

2 **Declarations of Interest and Dispensations** *F\_PR*

3 **Minutes of the last Meeting** *F\_PR*

To submit the minutes of the Special Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024 for approval as a correct record.

**Recommended** - **That the Minutes be received and approved as a correct record.**



**4 Chair's Update *F\_PR***

To receive a verbal update from the Chair regarding previous recommendations made by the Special Overview & Scrutiny Committee and items relating to the work programme.

**5 Local Plan Monitoring *F\_PR***

Committee are requested to consider the update provided in the report on the key matters relating to the emerging Local Plan:

- a) Update on the preparation of the emerging Local Plan up to now;
- b) Update on proposed changes to national planning policy;
- c) Update on next steps, including submission of the Local Plan to the Planning Inspectorate for Examination, and;
- d) Update on consequences of not submitting the Local Plan (Sections 5 and 7).

**Recommended**                    **(1) That the Committee note the report; and**  
**(2) That Committee give consideration to the observations made at Sections 5 and 7 of the report and Officer recommendation that Members support Huncoat Garden Village, the associated Link Road and the continued development and submission of the emerging Local Plan.**

**6 Appointment of Co-optees *F\_PR***

Committee are requested to note Council approval of two Co-optee positions on the Special Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

**Recommended**                    **- That the report be noted.**

## SPECIAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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**Monday, 22nd July, 2024**

**Present:** Councillor Bernard Dawson MBE (in the Chair),  
Councillors Heather Anderson and Zak Khan

**Apologies** Councillors Clare McKenna, Clare Pritchard, Clare Yates and  
Mohammed Younis

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### **88 Apologies for Absence and Substitutions**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Clare Pritchard, Clare McKenna, Clare Yates and Mohammed Younis.

Councillor Dave Parkins acted as substitute representative for Councillor Clare Pritchard.

There had been one membership change to the Committee which had taken place at Full Council on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024: Councillor Zak Khan replaced Councillor Josh Allen.

### **89 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

There were no interests or dispensations declared at the meeting.

### **90 Minutes of the last Meeting**

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

**Resolved** - **That the Minutes be received and approved as a correct record.**

### **91 Overview & Scrutiny Work Programmes**

The Scrutiny and Policy Officer submitted a report requesting the Special Overview & Scrutiny Committee gave consideration to and approved the work programme for 2024/25. The Committee was advised of the process for agreeing the work programme as set out in the Overview and Scrutiny procedure rule C6(a). Thirty-five requests had been received for items to be considered for Scrutiny and these had been discussed by the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Scrutiny Committees before draft work programmes being reported to Cabinet for comment. There had been no comments received from Cabinet.

Committee had been informed that the work programme for the Special Overview & Scrutiny Committee had shown 'Town Centre Levelling Up Project Progress' to be included on this meeting's agenda, however, they were advised that this item would now be moved as an update of the item would benefit the Committee better, later in the year.

The Leader of the Council pointed out that the terms of reference for the Committee included 'Devolution' and, as this issue has become more prominent following the General

Election, he proposed that this item was also included in the work programme and added to a meeting scheduled for the end of 2024, beginning of 2025.

**Resolved** - **That the work programme for the Special Overview & Scrutiny Committee be approved subject to the item 'Town Centre Levelling Up Project Progress' being moved to take place at the October 2024 meeting and 'Devolution' being added to the work programme for meeting towards the end of 2024/beginning of 2025.**

## **92 Market Chambers Update**

The Head of Museums and Heritage Development, Gillian Berry submitted a report to inform the Committee of progress in the National Heritage Lottery Fund (NHLF) development stage project in relation to Accrington Market Chambers. The Leader of the Council, Councillor Munsif Dad, attended the Committee on behalf of the Portfolio holder for Heritage, Culture and Arts to speak on the item. The Heritage and Cultural Engagement Officer, Hannah Saxton, was also in attendance.

The Leader of the Council referred to the Chairmanship of the previous Chair of the Special Overview & Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Josh Allen, and his due diligence in serving the Committee and allowing free discussion and proposed that the gratitude of Members be recorded.

The Leader of the Council outlined details of progress on the National Heritage Lottery Fund (NLHF) development stage project in relation to Accrington Market Chambers. He explained that the Market Chambers was part of the Council's overall Town Centre Investment Plan designed to regenerate Accrington Town Centre and bring economic and other benefits to the Borough. He indicated that the first stage of the project was to develop a new cultural heritage space with a significant part of the work around engagement.

The Head of Museums and Heritage Development gave details of funding for the project and that £833,056, in total, NHLF had been received. She explained that the development phase lasted up to 2 years and enabled applicants to work on their project proposals followed by a delivery stage of no more than 5 years. The report referred to the development stage of the project and she informed the Committee that the community was at the heart of this development and referred to the importance of ensuring that these views were incorporated into their plans.

Committee Members submitted questions that related to:

- Their ability to secure funding in the future to ensure the completion of the project and if there was a Plan B should this not happen.
- That all 3 buildings involved in the project were brought back into use ensuring continuity of visual appearance.
- The Town Hall was brought back into community use.
- Could the historical township of Huncoat (included in the Domesday Book) be included in plans.
- What would happen if the CPO of one part of the building was not successful.
- How were stakeholders in Accrington and those on the periphery of the town being engaged.
- Request for variation in type of experiences provided.

The Head Museums and Heritage Development reported that they could not guarantee future funding but were fairly confident that they would acquire it. In respect of bringing all three buildings back into use, it was reported that efforts would be made to ensure all buildings were treated the same for visual effect. She indicated that the development of the project would aim to sign post people to different locations to ensure that footfall and the associated economic benefits would be spread.

The success of the CPO on the Market Chambers was important and would take time to process but was built into the end process.

The engagement of stakeholders to the project was of great importance and efforts were being made to ensure that people's views were being collated and considered. She also indicated that visits had been made to other museums and heritage providers and it was their aim to compliment rather than compete with them.

**Resolved** - **That the report be noted.**

### **93 Exclusion of the Public**

**Resolved** - **That, in accordance with Section 100A(4) Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during the following item, when it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, or the nature of the proceedings, that there would otherwise be disclosure of exempt information within the Paragraph at Schedule 12A of the Act specified at the item.**

### **94 Nomination of Co-optee**

*Exempt information under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12, Paragraph 1 – Information relating to any individual*

The Scrutiny and Policy Officer submitted a report requesting the Committee to consider a nomination for a Co-opted member on the Special Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Committee was informed that they could have a maximum of two Co-optees. One nomination, as outlined in the report, had been received in advance of the meeting and was accepted.

A further nomination for Co-optee was put forward at the meeting and was also accepted. The Committee was advised that these nominations would be submitted as recommendations for approval to the next Full Council as Co-optees on the Special Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

**Resolved** - **That the nominations for Shahed Mahmood and Andy Tatchell as Co-optees on the Special Overview & Scrutiny Committee for a period of 2 municipal years (2024-25 & 2025-26) be accepted and recommended to Full Council for approval.**

Signed:.....

Date: .....

Chair of the meeting  
At which the minutes were confirmed

# Agenda Item 5

<b>REPORT TO:</b>		Special Scrutiny Committee	
<b>DATE:</b>		14 October 2024	
<b>PORTFOLIO:</b>		<b>Cllr Munsif Dad, Leader of the Council</b>	
<b>REPORT AUTHOR:</b>		Chief Planning and Transportation Officer	
<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>		Local Plan update	
<b>EXEMPT REPORT (Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A)</b>	<b>Options</b>	Not applicable	
<b>KEY DECISION:</b>	<b>Options</b>	If yes, date of publication:	

## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report provides an update on the key matters relating to the emerging Local Plan:

- a) Update on the preparation of the emerging Local Plan up to now;
- b) Update on proposed changes to national planning policy;
- c) Update on next steps, including submission of the Local Plan to the Planning Inspectorate for Examination, and;
- d) Update on consequences of not submitting the Local Plan (Sections 5 and 7).

## 2. Recommendations

2.1 To note the contents of this report.

2.2 In the light of the observations made at sections 5 and 7 of this report, Officers strongly recommend that members support Huncoat Garden Village, the associated Link Road and the continued development and submission of the emerging Local Plan.

## 3. Reasons for Recommendations and Background

3.1 Work has reached an advanced stage in the preparation of the new Local Plan for Hyndburn. The new Local Plan (Strategic Policies and Site Allocations) will set out the strategic vision, objectives and spatial strategy for the Borough, including strategic planning policies that will guide future development. It establishes policies and guidance to ensure local development is built in accordance with the principles set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). Covering the period 2021-40, the Plan sets out the main areas for growth by

identifying site allocations to meet development requirements of 194 dwellings per year (3,686 in total) and 70 hectares of employment land. These figures are considered to be suitably ambitious but realistic in that they reflect actual delivery that has taken place in the Borough in recent years.

- 3.2 Once adopted, the new Plan will replace the saved elements of the 1996 Local Plan and the 2012 Core Strategy. The two key documents representing the full Local Plan for Hyndburn will then become be the new Plan (the subject of this report), and the existing Development Management DPD 2018, which contains local (non-strategic) policies. The key stages of the Local Plan adoption process, according to the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 are set out in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Local Plan making stages as required by Local Planning Regulations

<b>Regulation (Reg) Stage</b>	<b>Summary</b>
<b>Reg.18</b>	<p><b>Preparation (incl. Public Participation)</b></p> <p>This is the first statutory phase of preparation of a Local Plan, where the Council will prepare draft proposals and present them in the form of a consultation document to the public.</p>
<b>Reg.19 / Reg.20</b>	<p><b>Publication (incl. Public Participation)</b></p> <p>This is a consultation on the version of the Local Plan that the Council wishes to put forward for independent Examination. By this point all the relevant supporting evidence should be in place and this version represents the version that the Council considers to be “sound” in terms of any relevant legal and to be justified and deliverable.</p> <p><b>Representations on the Local Plan</b></p> <p>This stage affords any interested party a final opportunity to make comments on the plan (against the ‘Publication’ version published under Regulation 19). Any formal objections to the ‘soundness’<sup>1</sup> of the plan will need to be submitted at this stage in order to be considered by the Planning Inspector appointed to examine the Plan.</p>
	<p><b>*CURRENT STAGE*: preparing for Reg.22</b></p>
<b>Reg.22</b>	<p><b>Submission of documents and information to the Secretary of State</b></p> <p>This is principally an administrative stage and relates to the formal submission of the documents (including all representations received under Regulation 20 consultation) by the Council to the Secretary of State, in preparation for the independent examination by a Planning Inspector. The Council may at this stage request that the Inspector makes</p>

<sup>1</sup> The tests of soundness are set out in paragraph 35 of the NPPF, namely that a Local Plan is ‘positively prepared’, ‘justified’, ‘effective’ and ‘consistent with national policy’.



Regulation (Reg) Stage	Summary
	recommendations which would address any key issues of the 'soundness' of the plan during the examination process.
<b>Reg.24</b>	<p><b>Independent examination</b></p> <p>The formal examination of the Plan actually commences on Submission. However, hearings may well be held into specific aspects of the plan during the examination process. All objectors will have the right to be heard and involved in that process. The duration of the examination stage depends upon the complexity of the Plan, the number of objections received, the amount of further work required after the hearings, including any necessary additional consultation. Therefore, it could take up to 12-18 months in total.</p>
<b>Reg.25</b>	<p><b>Publication of the recommendations of the appointed person</b></p> <p>If there are proposed modifications to the Local Plan arising from the Examination, the Inspector will publish recommendations in a preliminary report. The Council must make these available to the public then determine how to address them. If 'main modifications'<sup>2</sup> are recommended the Council is expected to re-consult on these. Once any further consultation has taken place and the Inspector has considered any representations, a final Inspector's report will be issued.</p>
<b>Reg.26</b>	<p><b>Adoption</b></p> <p>Once the Council has received the final Inspector's report, and assuming that there are no issues of 'soundness', it will consider the recommendations and can then formally adopt the Plan via a full Council meeting.</p>

3.3 The emerging Plan has already been through 3 rounds of Regulation 18 consultation and 2 Regulation 19 consultations. The Regulation 19 consultation stage precedes the submission of the Local Plan (and all associated evidence base and other supporting material) to the Planning Inspectorate for Examination. The version of the Local Plan consulted on at this stage is intended to represent the settled view of the Council on what the adopted Plan should contain and that they believe to be sound and ready for Examination. It is also known as the "Pre-submission" or "Publication" Plan.

3.4 For a variety of reasons, including Covid19, staff departures and recruitment issues, there have been a number of delays in the preparation of the latest Local Plan since the review first commenced. To add to the delay, the Regulation 19 consultation, which first took place between November 2022 and January 2023 (following approval to consult at a Full Council meeting in March 2022) had to be repeated in 2024 as it emerged that there had been some

<sup>2</sup> Changes that materially affect the policies of the Plan

procedural issues. The second consultation rectified these issues and also provided an opportunity to publish an up-to-date Sustainability Appraisal and all other evidence which had been prepared in support of the emerging Local Plan.

#### **4. Responses to the Regulation 19 consultation**

- 4.1 During the first Regulation 19 - Reg19(1) - consultation, representations were received from 133 separate respondents and 65 separate respondents commented during the Reg19(2) consultation - 22 of whom had also commented at Reg19(1) stage. Across the two consultations, a greater number of respondents were members of the public (around 72%) than organisations.
- 4.2 The general issues which received the most comments included the Huncoat Garden Village policy, the Spatial Development Strategy (which sets out the amount and distribution of proposed growth), climate change and housing provision. The specific sites which received the most comments were the Whitebirk employment sites; sites at Huncoat; land off Cut Lane, Rishton; employment land south of Altham; and Ringstonhalgh Farm, Clayton-le-Moors.
- 4.3 A summary of all the comments, along with a brief indicative Council response, will be set out in a Consultation Statement which is being prepared for the Examination. This will be sent to the Inspectorate upon submission, along with copies of all the original representations.

#### **5. Proposed Changes to national policy and the plan-making system**

- 5.1 The new Government consulted on proposed changes to the NPPF between July and September 2024. Amongst the more significant changes is an amendment to the standard methodology for calculating annual housing need figures and making the use of this method a mandatory requirement. The methodology now uses a formula based on a proportion of the existing housing stock, multiplied by an affordability ratio (previously it used projected household formation as a starting point). This has had the effect of increasing the housing need figure for Hyndburn from around 50 dwellings per year to 313 dwellings to be delivered annually - a significant increase. This is expected to be the starting point for any housing requirement which is included in a new Plan.
- 5.2 In recognition that some planning authorities are at an advanced stage of their plan-making process (prepared under the old system), the Government propose a transitional timetable to allow those who have reached Regulation 19 stage to be examined under the old NPPF. As Hyndburn have reached this stage, this means they would not be expected to apply the new standard method to identify the Plan's proposed housing requirement and can retain the proposed requirement of 194 dwellings per year. However, until any new housing requirement is adopted, the new standard method figure of 313 dwelling per year will be considered to be the default requirement. This has implications for the Housing Delivery Test, which is the method by which the Government measures each local authority's annual housing delivery results.

5.3 Further information on this can be found in the Members Briefing paper taken to Cabinet on September 18<sup>th</sup> 2024.

## 6. Next Steps

6.1 At this stage, it is not possible to accurately estimate how long the adoption of the Plan will take to complete, particularly if further evidence gathering or consultation is required to take place as part of the Examination. However, an indicative timetable has been presented below (which relates to the stages set out in Table 1). Once the dates can be confirmed, a revised timetable will be published in the Local Development Scheme on the Council's website but the below timetable can be taken as an interim guide.

### Regulation 18 – Preparation of a Local Plan

***This stage is now complete, with the last consultation at Regulation 18 ending in January 2020***

### Regulation 19 – Publication of a Local Plan

***This stage is now complete, with a revised consultation taking place between January and March 2024.***

### Regulation 20 – Representations relating to a Local Plan

***Regulation 20 is effectively the same stage as Regulation 19 - it refers to the formal consultation process/period.***

### Regulation 22 – Submission to the Secretary of State

Following consultation at Regulation 19 and 20 stages, the Council are now collating all the responses received, including a summary and initial response to these comments, and compiling a portfolio of all other relevant supporting information ready for formal submission to the Planning Inspectorate. **Submission to the Inspectorate will take place as soon all the material has been assembled and all submission material has been assembled – likely by end of 2024.**

### Regulation 24 – Independent Examination

Within a few weeks of receiving the Local Plan, the Inspectorate will aim to appoint an Inspector(s) and agree a proposed date for the formal hearings. The date any formal hearings commence will be dependent on the Inspectorate's timetable and initial questions may be raised by the Inspector in the period preceding the hearings. A large volume of Local Plans may be submitted to the Inspectorate in 2024/25 (in order to meet the Government's proposed transition deadlines relating to planning system reforms). This may lead to some delay in receiving a confirmed date but the hearings should be set for around 3 months after submission. **An estimate of when the Examination hearings could commence is Spring 2025.**

### Regulation 25 – Publication of the recommendations of the appointed person

This date is dependent on the progress and outcome of the Examination.

### Regulation 26 – Adoption

Assuming that there are no issues of ‘soundness’ raised through the Inspector’s final report then the Council will consider the recommendations, and formally adopt the Plan via a full Council meeting. **Given that Examinations typically take around 12-18 months to conclude, the earliest this can be is late 2025 or into 2026.**

- 6.2 There is no prescribed timescale for implementing a Local Plan from the start of the process (Regulation 18) through to adoption (Regulation 26). However, the previous and new Government has made it clear through various announcements that it wishes to see Local Plans progressed as fast as possible. It must be borne in mind, however, that timescales are heavily influenced by the resources available, the complexity of the topics raised within the Plan, and the scale of objections received.

## **7. Alternative Options considered and Reasons for Rejection**

- 7.1 The production of a Local Plan is a statutory requirement and the Government expects all local planning authorities to have up to date Plans in place as soon as possible. The Council has reached an advanced stage in its plan-making process and the best course of action at this stage is to progress this Plan, with its realistic housing and employment requirements, to Examination and adoption under the old NPPF. This would mean the Council would have an up to date Plan in place, potentially by the end of 2025. They could then commence an immediate review of both the strategic and non-strategic Plans and begin work on a new all-encompassing Local Plan.
- 7.2 Huncoat Garden Village comprises a strategic and integral part of the emerging Local Plan. A key requirement of the Garden Village development is that it be accessed via a new link road. Viability issues in Hyndburn mean that the link road cannot be funded without some form of additional funding.
- 7.3 The support of elected members for Huncoat Garden Village and the associated link road is critical if the emerging Local Plan is to be submitted.
- 7.4 If Huncoat Garden Village and the Link Road are not supported the Council would not be able to submit the Local Plan to Government. The new Labour Government has issued policy on which it is consulting that would have significant consequences for Hyndburn should the Local Plan not proceed:
- The Council would immediately have to embark on the preparation of a new Local Plan which would have a significantly higher housing figure under the new methodology that is proposed to calculate housing numbers.
  - Finding sufficient land to meet the increased housing figures would further increase the amount of Green Belt that is likely to be lost to development.

7.5 This would require a complete review of all existing evidence base which was commissioned to support the previous Plan. This would involve significant delay and expense and would mean the Council is left without an up to date Plan or future strategic development land supply for at least 3 more years.

7.6 Officers strongly recommend that members support the Huncoat Garden Village and Link Road proposals and, in turn, the submission of the emerging Local Plan.

**8. Consultations**

8.1 As is required by the legislation, a wide range of people and organisations have been involved in the evolution of the Local Plan up to this point. Five extensive public consultation events have already been undertaken, which have been approved for consultation by Full Council. The Council also ran a Call for Sites exercise between 2015 and 2020 inviting landowners, developers and other interested parties to submit details of land that they wished to be considered for allocation or other designation. Detailed reports on the outcome of the previous Regulation 18 consultations have been presented to Cabinet after each stage has concluded.

8.2 The Council’s Portfolio Holder, and Corporate Management Team will be kept informed of future work and have provided comments at an earlier date on the consultation papers. As well as the various reports on the Local Plan that have been taken to Cabinet and Council, all elected Members have been invited to a number of specific briefings, workshops and drop-in sessions on the Local Plan.

**9. Implications**

<p><b>Financial implications (including any future financial commitments for the Council)</b></p>	<p>There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report but any costs relating to the Local Plan Examination will be covered by the annual budget assigned to Local Plan work.</p>
<p><b>Legal and human rights implications</b></p>	<p>There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report. The Local Plan (Strategic Policies and Sites Allocations) document forms part of the statutory development plan for the Borough. Once adopted, it will be (along with other adopted plans) the starting point for considering planning applications and should be given full weight in decision-making. At this stage however, the Plan cannot be given full weight in decision-making, although this weight will increase as the Plan progresses to adoption. Local plans are prepared in a manner that is</p>

	prescribed by statute and by its very nature seeks to protect human rights.
<b>Assessment of risk</b>	There are no significant risks associated with the recommendations of this report.
<b>Equality and diversity implications</b> <i>A <a href="#">Customer First Analysis</a> should be completed in relation to policy decisions and should be attached as an appendix to the report.</i>	<p>The Council is subject to the public sector equality duty introduced by the Equality Act 2010. When making a decision in respect of the recommendations in this report Cabinet must have regard to the need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation; and</li> <li>• advance equality of opportunity between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who don't; and</li> <li>• foster good relations between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who don't.</li> </ul> <p>For these purposes the relevant protected characteristics are: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation. When making a decision in respect of the proposals in this report members should have regard to the Customer First Analysis annexed to this report.</p>

**10. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985:  
List of Background Papers**

n/a

***If the report is public, insert the following paragraph. If the report is exempt, contact Member Services for advice.***

**11. Freedom of Information**

- 11.1 The report does not contain exempt information under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A and all information can be disclosed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

# Agenda Item 6

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	Special Scrutiny Committee		
<b>DATE:</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> October, 2024		
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	Scrutiny Chair - Councillor Bernard Dawson		
<b>REPORT AUTHOR:</b>	Susan Gardner, Scrutiny and Policy Officer		
<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	Appointment of Co-optees		
<b>EXEMPT REPORT (Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A)</b>	<b>No</b>	Not applicable	
<b>KEY DECISION:</b>	<b>No</b>	If yes, date of publication:	

## 1. **Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To inform the Special Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the Co-optee appointments made by Council.

## 2. **Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the Committee note that Council approved the appointment of Shahed Mahmood and Andy Tatchell as Co-optees to the Special Overview and Scrutiny Committee until the end of the municipal year 2025/26.

## 3. **Reasons for Recommendations and Background**

- 3.1 The terms of reference for the Special Scrutiny Overview & Scrutiny Committee sets out that there should be two Co-optee appointments to the Committee, consequently there are now no vacant positions.
- 3.2 The Special Overview and Scrutiny Committee had previously appointed two co-optees until the end of 2024-25, of which one, Shahed Mahmood, has now been re-appointed as a Co-optee. The other previously appointed Co-optee had been a representative of YNOT Aspire. After the local elections held in May, it was determined by the new administration, that there should be a review of the co-optee appointments and consequently, new proposals were sought for all co-optee positions on the Scrutiny Committees.
- 3.3 A report was submitted to Full Council on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024 recommending the approval of Shahed Mahmood and Andy Tatchell as Co-optees on the Special Overview & Scrutiny Committee until the end of the municipal year 2025/26. Full Council approved the recommendations.

## 4. **Alternative Options considered and Reasons for Rejection**

4.1 This report is for noting only.

**5. Consultations**

5.1 None

**6. Implications**

<b>Financial implications (including any future financial commitments for the Council)</b>	None
<b>Legal and human rights implications</b>	None
<b>Assessment of risk</b>	None
<b>Equality and diversity implications</b> <i>A <a href="#">Customer First Analysis</a> should be completed in relation to policy decisions and should be attached as an appendix to the report.</i>	Not Applicable

**7. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985:  
List of Background Papers**

7.1 *Agenda, reports and minutes of Council on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024*  
<https://democracy.hyndburnbc.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=130&MId=2908&Ver=4>