

REPORT TO:		Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
DATE:		11 July 2019	
REPORT AUTHOR:		Overview and Scrutiny Officer	
TITLE OF REPORT:		Appointment of Co-optees	
EXEMPT REPORT (Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A)	No	Not applicable	
KEY DECISION:	No	If yes, date of publication:	

1. **Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To inform Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees of the Co-optee appointments made by Council on 16th May 2019.

2. **Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the Committees note the following re-appointments of Co-optees to the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee:
- Honorary Alderman Paul Barton
 - Honorary Alderman Ian Ormerod
 - Honorary Freeman Bernard Dawson
- 2.2 That the Committees note the following re-appointment of Co-optees to the Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee:
- Honorary Freeman Bernard Dawson
- 2.3 That the Committees notes the previous appointment of Honorary Alderman Doug Hayes as Co-optee to the Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee, which covers the 2019/20 Municipal year.
- 2.3 That the Committees note the amendment to Rule C2 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules as set out in the appendix to this report.
- 2.4 That the Committees note the appointment of Gareth Molineux as new Co-optee to the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

3. Reasons for Recommendations and Background

- 3.1 At Council on 16th May 2019, an amendment to the Constitution was agreed to increase the number of co-optees on each Committee from three to four. This will help to boost participation in the work of the Committees. It was also agreed that members be given the ability to nominate individuals to fill co-optee vacancies and that such nominations are presented directly to Council to speed up the appointment process. This more closely reflects the reality of the current position as very few, if any, applications are received directly from the public.
- 3.2 Therefore, the Co-optees outlined in section two of the report were approved by Council.

4. Alternative Options considered and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 Not applicable

5. Consultations

- 5.1 None

6. Implications

Financial implications (including any future financial commitments for the Council)	None
Legal and human rights implications	None
Assessment of risk	None
Equality and diversity implications <i>A Customer First Analysis 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 16th May 2019*
<https://democracy.hyndburnbc.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=130&MId=2301&Ver=4>

Appendix

Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule C2 - Up to four members of the public may be appointed to each Overview and Scrutiny Committee as non-voting co-optees, if they are deemed to have relevant experience of matters falling within the remit of that Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The intention is that such co-optees will be non-political.

- (i) Co-optees may be appointed following nomination by a councillor or following an application received directly from a member of the public.
- (ii) Applications received directly from the public will be considered first at the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Committee will consider the knowledge and experience of the applicant relevant to the terms of reference or work programme of the Committee. If the majority of the Overview and Scrutiny members support the appointment of the applicant, the proposed appointment will be presented to Council for approval.
- (iii) Nominations received from councillors will be presented to the Council for approval, if supported by the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee. In reaching a decision, the Council will consider the knowledge and experience of the nominee relevant to the terms of reference or work programme of the Committee.”