

REPORT TO:		Special Scrutiny Committee	
DATE:		27 September 2022	
PORTFOLIO:		Cllr Josh Allen, Chair of the Special Scrutiny Committee	
REPORT AUTHOR:		Ben Caulfield, Scrutiny and Policy Officer	
TITLE OF REPORT:		Nomination of Co-optees to Overview and Scrutiny Committees	
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 For the Committee to consider nominations for co-opted members to the Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

2. **Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the Committee approves the nomination of Shaheed Mahmood as co-optee to the Special Scrutiny Committee.
- 2.2 The Committee approves the appointment of an as yet unidentified individual (A young person from Ynot Aspire) as co-optee to the Special Scrutiny Committee
- 2.3 That the Committee recommends to Council the above nominations are appointed to the Special Scrutiny Committee as Co-optees.

3. **Reasons for Recommendations and Background**

- 3.1 The Councils Constitution, Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule C2 states:

“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.

(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.”

3.2 At the meeting on 19th May 2022, Council approved the appointments of Ken Moss and Paul Barton (Resources); and Bernadette Parkinson and Jenny Molineux (Communities and Wellbeing) as Scrutiny co-optees. Alongside those appointed in the previous year, the current Co-optees are as follows:

Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Doug Hayes
Stephen Button
Paul Barton
Ken Moss

Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Jean Battle
Paul Barton
Jenny Molineux
Bernadette Parkinson

Special Scrutiny Committee

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3.3 Shaheed Mahmood has been nominated as a co-optee for the Special Scrutiny Committee by the Chair of that Committee, Cllr Josh Allen. Shaheed can not only provide a wealth of experience gained from his time as the Chamber of Trade president and an event organiser, but also bring with him the experience of a local business man in the town centre and enthusiasm required for making the area a better place to live and work.

3.4 The second nomination brings an exciting opportunity for the Council to engage young people in local democracy and decision making. The Chair of the Special Scrutiny

Committee, Councillor Josh Allen is keen to nominate a local young person to be part of the Committee to bring a fresh outlook to scrutiny.

- 3.5 Initial discussions have taken place with Ynot Aspire, who, based in Accrington, provide a range of projects and services aimed at young people. Young people and their futures are at the heart of everything at Ynot Aspire, who have supported thousands of young people not in education, training or employment, those at risk of anti-social behaviour or entering the criminal justice system, and more recently prevention and early intervention around young people's mental health.
- 3.6 In September this year, Ynot Aspire will begin a project aimed at engaging young people in local policy and decision making, and will engage with a number of local charities and organisations. This project fits well with the aims of the Special Scrutiny Committee and the preference of the Chair to appoint a local young person as a Co-optee.
- 3.7 The nominee will be aged 16-21 and live in Hyndburn, and will be a part of Ynot Aspires' new Youth Board. They will be accompanied at Special Scrutiny Committee meetings by an Officer from Ynot Aspire.
- 3.8 Under normal circumstances, Council would approve the appointment of a named individual, however, as the project at Ynot Aspire has just started and in order to have the co-optee placed on the Scrutiny Committee as soon as possible, it is requested that Council approve the nomination of an as yet un-identified individual.

4. Alternative Options considered and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 Council could choose to reject the recommendation, but no other nominations or applications have been received for the co-optee positions.

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

7.1 *Agenda, reports and minutes of the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 4th November 2021*

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