

<b>REPORT TO:</b>		Council	
<b>DATE:</b>		23 May 2024	
<b>REPORT AUTHOR:</b>		Executive Director (Legal and Democratic Services)	
<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>		<b>Appointment of Aldermen &amp; Appointment of co-optees to the Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committees</b>	
<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:	n/a

### **Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To propose the appointment of new co-optees to the Council's Overview & Scrutiny Committees;
- 1.3 To propose the appointment of aldermen.

### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That in accordance with Section 249(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council appoint the following as aldermen: Mr Mohammad Ayub, Mr Timothy O'Kane, Mrs Colette McCormack and Mr Terry Hurn, with the formal presentation to be made at the Mayor Making Council on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2024, or should that not prove possible due to the unavailability of the recipient, at some stage during the remainder of the Municipal Year 2024/25;
- 2.2 That the appointment of the current co-optees to the Council's three Overview & Scrutiny Committees be terminated with immediate effect and that the Council follow its usual procedure to appoint new co-optees, with the Overview & Scrutiny Committees' recommendations for co-optee appointments being brought to a future meeting of the Council for consideration and approval.

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

#### **Aldermen Appointment**

- 3.1 To qualify for appointment as an aldermen the proposed recipient must have rendered eminent services to the Council as a past member of the Council, but must not currently be a member of the Council (section 249(1) Local Government Act 1972).

3.2 The proposed recipients (former councillors Colette McCormack, Mohammad Ayub, Timothy O’Kane and Terry Hurn) all have lengthy and distinguished former service with the Council and all are former Mayor’s of the Borough. As such, they are all considered to meet the eligibility criteria.

**Appointment of co-optees to the Overview & Scrutiny Committees**

3.3 The Council’s usual practice when appointing (non-voting) co-optees to its Overview & Scrutiny Committees is to seek applications from interested members of the public who have qualifications and / or experience that align with the remit of the relevant Committee. The Overview & Scrutiny Committee will consider the applications received and make recommendations to Council in respect of the individuals proposed for appointment, usually for a term of 2 years. The appointments are then made by Council, having regard to the relevant Committee’s recommendations.

3.4 The Council’s constitution currently permits up to four co-optees to be appointed to the Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee and also to the Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee. The constitution permits up to two co-optees to be appointed to the Special Scrutiny Committee. It is proposed that the recruitment process be commenced as quickly as possible, to permit the early appointment of new co-optees.

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

4.1 None.

**5. Consultations**

5.1 The proposed recipients have also been consulted and have agreed to accept the title offered.

**6. Implications**

<p><b>Financial implications (including any future financial commitments for the Council)</b></p>	<p>A budget will be required for the purchase of four commemorative badges at a cost of £416 each (£1,664.00 in total).  A budget will also be required in respect of the extra cost to be incurred at the Mayor Making event, assuming we follow our usual protocol of permitting each recipient 10 guests each. Based on costs last year we have assumed £30 per head, making a total additional cost of £1,320.00  A budget of around £3000.00 will be needed but the Executive Director (Resources) has indicated that this sum can be met from the 2023/24 underspends budget.</p>
<p><b>Legal and human rights implications</b></p>	<p>The recommendations comply with Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972.</p>
<p><b>Assessment of risk</b></p>	<p>None.</p>

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

7.1 None.

8. **Freedom of Information**

8.1 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.