

REPORT TO:		Council	
DATE:		26 th September 2024	
REPORT OF:		Cllr Jodi Clements, Chair of the Communities and Wellbeing Overview & Scrutiny Committee, Cllr Stephen Button, Chair of the Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Cllr Bernard Dawson, Chair of the Special Overview & Scrutiny Committee	
REPORT AUTHOR:		Susan Gardner, Scrutiny and Policy 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 For Council to consider recommendations for co-opted members to the Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

2. **Recommendations**

- 2.1 That Council approves the appointment of Jackie Rawstron and Jean Battle as co-optees to the Communities and Wellbeing Overview & Scrutiny Committee.
- 2.2 That Council approves the appointment of Richard Downie and Tim O’Kane as co-optees to the Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee.
- 2.3 That Council approves the appointment of Shahed Mahmood and Andy Tatchell as co-optees to the Special Overview & Scrutiny Committee.
- 2.4 That Council approves the above appointments cover a period of 2 municipal years until the end of the 2025/26.
- 2.5 That Council thanks Stacy Walsh, Miles Parkinson, Stewart Eaves, June Harrison, Joan West and Ynot Aspire for their prior service in co-optee roles on the Council’s Overview and Scrutiny Committees.
- 2.6 That Council notes that there currently remains two vacancies on the Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee and two vacancies on the Communities and Wellbeing

Overview & Scrutiny Committee. Nominees for these vacancies will be considered at the next Scrutiny Committees.

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 The Communities and Wellbeing Overview & Scrutiny Committee considered 2 nominations for 4 vacant co-optee positions at its meeting on 15th July 2024. The Committee voted to recommend that Council appoints Jean Battle and Jackie Rawstron as co-optees. There remains two vacant co-optee posts on this Committee.

3.3 The Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee considered 2 nominations for 4 vacant co-optee positions at its meeting on 16th July 2024. The Committee voted to recommend that Council appoints Richard Downie and Tim O’Kane as co-optees. There remains two vacant co-optee posts on this Committee.

3.4 The Special Overview & Scrutiny Committee considered 1 nomination submitted by report and 1 nomination submitted at the meeting for 2 vacant co-optee positions at its meeting on 22nd July 2024. The Committee voted to recommend that Council appoints Shahed Mahmood and Andy Tatchell as co-optees. There are no remaining co-optee vacancies on this Committee.

4. Alternative Options considered and Reasons for Rejection

4.1 Council may choose to not appoint any number of the recommended individuals to the vacant Overview and Scrutiny co-optee positions. This is not recommended as the relevant committees have considered all nominations for the co-optee positions and made their recommendations accordingly.

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 the Communities and Wellbeing Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 15th July 2024*

[- Hyndburn Borough Council \(hyndburnbc.gov.uk\)](http://hyndburnbc.gov.uk)

Agenda, reports and minutes of the Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 16th July 2024

[- Hyndburn Borough Council \(hyndburnbc.gov.uk\)](http://hyndburnbc.gov.uk)

Agenda, reports and minutes of the Special Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 22nd July 2024

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