

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	Council		
<b>DATE:</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> November 2025		
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	Cllr Stephen Button, Chair of the Communities and Wellbeing Overview & Scrutiny Committee		
<b>REPORT AUTHOR:</b>	Susan Gardner, Scrutiny and Policy Officer		
<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	Appointment of Co-optee		
<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 For Council to give consideration to the recommendations made by the Communities and Wellbeing Overview & Scrutiny Committee for the appointment of a co-optee.

### 2. **Recommendations**

- 2.1 That Council approves the appointment of Matt Shaw as a co-optee on the Communities and Wellbeing Overview & Scrutiny Committee until the end of the 2025-26 municipal year and sets aside its previous decision to reserve the vacant co-optee position for a young person between 18-25 years of age.

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

- 3.1 The Communities and Wellbeing Overview & Scrutiny Committee may appoint up to four co-optees to the Committee and have previously appointed three co-optees, Jean Battle, Jackie Rawstron and Sandie Dent with one vacant co-optee position still remaining.
- 3.2 The Communities and Wellbeing Overview & Scrutiny Committee had felt that a young person would provide greater balance to discussion and be more representative of the community and therefore, recommended to Full Council that the remaining co-optee position was reserved for this purpose. This was approved at Full Council on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025.
- 3.3 Following the receipt of an application for the co-optee position by the Committee from a member of the public, the Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny

Committee considered the application at their meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> October. The Committee felt that, although the application did not meet the reserved criteria for a young person, the applicant would bring new experiences, skills and an extra dynamic to the Committee. They, therefore, determined that the applicant would be a valued asset to the Committee and provide greater representation of the community. The application was from Mr. Matt Shaw. Details supporting his application have been circulated to Members separately.

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

- 4.1 Council may choose to not appoint the recommended individual to the vacant Overview and Scrutiny co-optee position. This is not recommended as the Committee has not received any further applications for the position, and would therefore, be unlikely to appoint anyone for the remainder of this municipal year. The Committee also considers that Mr. Shaw could make a valuable contribution to its work.

#### 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 Full Council on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025 - [Hyndburn Borough Council](#)*

*Agenda, reports and minutes of the Communities and Wellbeing Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025.*

