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| REPORT TO: | | Council | |
| DATE: | | 15 September 2016 | |
| REPORT OF: | | Cllr Abdul Khan, Chair of the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee | |
| 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 submit recommendations for Co-opted Members on to the Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

2. **Recommendations**

- 2.1 That Council approves the following appointments of Co-optees to the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee:
- Honorary Alderman Paul Barton

3. **Reasons for Recommendations and Background**

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

Each overview and scrutiny committee may appoint up to three members of the public, who the committee deems to have relevant experience of topics related to that scrutiny committee, as non-voting co-optees.

(i) Applications may be invited to fill a vacancy for a co-opted member at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee; applications may also be received directly from members of the public.

(ii) The application 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.

(iii) The intention is that such co-optees will be non-political.

(iv) 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.

3.2 There are 6 positions for Co-opted Members between the 2 Committees.

Honorary Aldermen Dave Parkins and Ian Ormerod, and former councillor Kerry Molineux have been appointed previously by Council.

3.3 A nomination to be Co-opted on to a Committee has been received. Councillor Tony Dobson nominated Honorary Alderman Paul Barton to the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The nomination stated:

“As a former member of Hyndburn Borough Council, a previous Mayor and a local businessman, Paul has all the attributes to bring a common sense private sector business argument to the role of Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Having a number of successful businesses in Hyndburn has proven to Paul how difficult managing your resources can be and having a breadth of experience on these committees can really help the council move forward.”

3.4 The Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee discussed this application at its meeting on the 6th September, and have recommended that Honorary Alderman Paul Barton be co-opted on to the Committee.

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

4.1 Council could choose to reject the recommendation from the Committee as it is a Council decision to make an appointment.

5. **Consultations**

5.1 None

6. **Implications**

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| Financial implications (including any future financial commitments for the Council) | None |
| Legal and human rights implications | None |
| Assessment of risk | None |

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| 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 6th September 2016*
<https://democracy.hyndburnbc.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=132&MId=1082&Ver=4>