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NON-VOTING CO-OPTees FOR SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

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Summary

This report provides Members with an overview of the purpose and role of co-optees on scrutiny committees. It also makes recommendations for co-opting people onto scrutiny committees.

Recommendations

To approve recommendations for co-opting members onto the Strategic Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Community Services Scrutiny Committee.

BACKGROUND

1. The Council's constitution states that scrutiny committees can recommend to Council a number of people as non-voting co-optees to join in their work (Appendix 1).
2. The co-optees should be selected to bring expertise in an area that will add value to the work of the committee and above all enthusiasm and commitment to making things better in Shropshire. The role of co-optees is to take an active role in undertaking research with members and developing the recommendations. They can bring an extra dimension in terms of their knowledge, use of the service and the needs of the community.
3. Temporary cooptees can also be invited to sit on individual reviews based upon their specific knowledge and interest in the subject in question can add value.

PROPOSALS FOR PERMANENT CO-OPTees

4. Strategic Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 30 June, agreed on the following recommendations to Council:
 - 1 x representative from Shropshire Wheelchair User group
 - 1 x representative from Shrewsbury Enterprise Partnership
5. Community Services Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 2 July, agreed they wished to appoint four non-voting co-optees because of the breadth of the Committee's remit. They agreed the following recommendations to Council:

- 1 x representative from Shropshire County PCT
- 1 x representative from Community Involvement in Care and Health (CInCH)
- 1 x representative from an organisation which has input in Culture and Leisure Services (to be identified by officers)
- 1 x representative from an organisation linked to housing sector (to be identified by officers)

6. Recommendations from the three remaining scrutiny committees will be reported to the next meeting of Council for approval.

<p>List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information) Shropshire Council Constitution</p>
<p>Human Rights Act Appraisal The recommendations in this report are compatible with provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998.</p>
<p>Environment Appraisal There are no environmental issues.</p>
<p>Risk Management Appraisal Failure to select appropriate co-optees onto scrutiny committees resulting in the potential for less challenging reviews.</p>
<p>Community / Consultations Appraisal Not applicable.</p>
<p>Cabinet Member All</p>
<p>Local Member All</p>
<p>Appendices Table outlining recommended number of co-optees to scrutiny committees - taken from Shropshire Council's Constitution.</p>

APPENDIX 1

COMMITTEE	NON VOTING COOPTEES
Children and Young People	Head – Primary /Special x 1 Head – Secondary School x 1 Shropshire School Governors’ Council x 1 Children’s Trust representative x 1
Community Services	2 x representatives (to be agreed)
Strategic Overview and Scrutiny	2 x representatives (to be agreed)
Development Services	2 x representatives (to be agreed)
Health Overview and Crime Reduction	2 x representatives (to be agreed)