

The Work of Overview and Scrutiny in the Previous Council

– Supplementary Report

Appointments to Task Groups

- 1 The Management Committee is receiving a report on its agenda for 23 May 2013 on ongoing work recommended by the former Committee as part of the development of a work programme for the new Council.
- 2 Should the Committee decide to adopt the recommendations then it may wish to take the opportunity to re-appoint councillors to task groups established for those topics which are the direct responsibility of the Management Committee. These currently relate to Budget Scrutiny, Campus and Operational Delivery, and Members Support in the Locality. A number of the members are no longer Wiltshire councillors following the election and therefore this creates vacancies on most of the task groups.
- 3 In addition Overview and Scrutiny does from time to time receive an invitation to appoint a representative to specific activities or projects. Currently those which are the direct responsibility of the Management Committee are Wiltshire Online Project, Staff Management Board and the Constitution Focus Group. The Committee may therefore also want to take the opportunity to re-appoint a representative to each.
- 4 Further details on the above are given in the attached table. This also includes all ongoing task groups appointed by the select committees in recognition of the overall responsibility for the function and co-ordination of the single work programme by the Management Committee. It may therefore wish to take the opportunity to give some direction to the select committees prior to their forthcoming meetings.
- 5 The membership of the Management Committee itself has changed significantly following appointments at Council. Its chairman and vice-chairman will only be elected at today's meeting. It will therefore need to decide whether it feels it is sufficiently well-informed at its first meeting to make all/some of these appointments. At this stage, one option might be to simply re-appoint those members who remain councillors subject to their wish to continue and delegate the chairman and vice-chairman to fill vacancies as necessary. However the appointments could be regarded as not vital at the

moment although there may be a view that some are more pressing than others. The Management Committee meets again on 25 June.

- 6 As mentioned in the main report once chairmen and vice-chairmen of the Management Committee and the select committees have been elected efforts will be made to meet with relevant Cabinet members, portfolio-holders and service directors to discuss future activity which may also cover this ongoing work.
- 7 The Management Committee may want to give instruction that all non-executive councillors are canvassed over their desire to be involved in the Overview and Scrutiny function and to establish their specific interests.

Proposal

- 8 Following consideration of the recommendations in the main report and a decision to endorse the ongoing topics listed in Appendix B to the main report being included in the work programme, a way forward might be to:
 - (1) appoint those councillors who previously served on Budget Scrutiny, Campus and Operational Delivery, and Members in the Locality Task Groups to continue subject to their agreement;
 - (2) authorise the chairman and vice-chairman of the Management Committee to name councillors to fill vacancies on these task groups as appropriate;
 - (3) as a general exercise, ask the Scrutiny Team to canvass all non-executive councillors over their desire to be involved in the Overview and Scrutiny function and to establish their specific interests; and,
 - (4) advise the select committees of the Management Committee's endorsement to inclusion of the ongoing work in the work programme and its approach to filling vacancies.

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