



COUNCIL - 11TH OCTOBER 2016

SUBJECT: CO-OPTION AND MEMBERSHIP OF PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES AND SECTION 151 OFFICER

- 1.1 The report was considered by the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee on the 15th September 2016.
- 1.2 Members fully discussed the various options and combinations of possible co-option membership. Members agreed that co-opting from more diverse groups would provide a different perspective with regard to questioning and make the scrutiny of the Public Services Boards more balanced. Members also felt it important that they sit on the committee in their own right, rather than by invitation.
- 1.3 It was moved and seconded that the 3 co-opted places suggested for the statutory partner agencies be offered to under-represented groups to give a greater diversity and more citizen centred scrutiny process and by show of hands this was agreed by the majority present.

At this point in the proceedings a Member sought additional clarification on statutory partner co-option in order to make clear the recommendation being made to Council. Members took advice from Officers and discussed further the various options and combinations of possible co-option. Following these discussion the original motion as voted upon was withdrawn

- 1.4 It was moved and seconded that Option 2, subject to the following amendment, be recommended to Council for approval. That a co-opted place be offered to a representative from an equalities organisation, a disability organisation and the Youth Forum Cabinet, giving a committee membership of 16 Councillors, 6 co-opted members (made up of the 3 statutory partners plus the 3 others to be named) and up to 6 invited representatives and by show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RECOMMENDED to Council that: -

- (i) Option 2, subject to the following amendment that an additional co-opted place be offered to a representative from an equalities organisation, a disability organisation and the Youth Forum Cabinet giving a committee membership of 16 Councillors, 6 co-opted members (3 statutory partner agencies and 3 others to be named) and up to 6 invited representatives be approved;
 - (ii) any nominated co-opted members be subject to the code of conduct and be re-nominated every council term (5 years).
- 1.5 Members are invited to consider the report and the above recommendation.

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Appendices:
Appendix 1 Partnerships Scrutiny Committee Report – 15th September 2016 (Agenda Item 6)