



**REPORT of
DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE**

**to
COUNCIL
2 JULY 2026**

URGENT ITEM OF BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT TO OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To appoint a non-aligned Member to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the municipal year following the resignation of Councillor V J Bell from this Committee.
- 1.2 This matter is brought forward for consideration with the agreement of the Chairperson as notification of Councillor Bell's resignation was received on 29 June 2026, after the agenda had been published.
- 1.3 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is next due to meet on 30 July 2026, and the next meeting of the Council is not until 10 September 2026. Appointing a Councillor to this vacancy will ensure that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is fully constituted in time for its next meeting.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That Council appoints one non-aligned Member to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the 2026 / 27 municipal year.

3. SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 Following the appointment of Members at the Statutory Annual Meeting of the Council on 14 May 2026 to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Councillor Bell has advised the Monitoring Officer that she wishes to resign from this position.
- 3.2 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee consists of ten members and is required to be politically balanced. All seats on the Committee should be appointed too.
- 3.3 The Council is therefore required to nominate one non-aligned Member to the vacancy on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The Council is asked to appoint one non-aligned Member to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the municipal year.

5. IMPACT ON PRIORITIES AS SET OUT IN THE CORPORATE PLAN 2025 - 2028

- 5.1 Elements of all areas of Corporate Plan delivery are covered in the activities of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

6. IMPLICATIONS

- (i) **Impact on Customers** – Customer delivery is driven by some work undertaken by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- (ii) **Impact on Equalities** – None.
- (iii) **Impact on Risk (including Fraud implications)** – None.
- (iv) **Impact on Resources (financial)** – None.
- (v) **Impact on Resources (human)** – None.
- (vi) **Impact on Devolution / Local Government Reorganisation** – None.

Background Papers: None.

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