



## Overview and Scrutiny Committee

### Appointment to the Housing Select Committee

**Date:** 06 December 2023

**Key decision:** No

**Class:** Part 1

**Ward(s) affected:** All

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### Outline and recommendations

This report asks Members to consider the appointment of a member to serve on the Housing Select Committee

## 1. Summary

- 1.1. This report asks Members to consider the appointment of a member to serve on the Housing Select Committee.

## 2. Recommendation

- 2.1. The Committee is recommended, in place of Councillor Will Cooper, to appoint Councillor Dawn Atkinson to the Housing Select Committee.

## 3. Background

- 3.1 The membership of the Housing Select Committee was agreed at the Overview and Scrutiny meeting held directly after the Council AGM on 29 March 2023. As Councillor Cooper became a member of the Executive on 27 September 2023, and can no longer serve on the Housing Select Committee, it is proposed that the place is filled by Councillor Dawn Atkinson. Councillor Cooper was the Vice Chair of the Select Committee. At its meeting on 28 November 2023, the Housing Select Committee will be asked to agree a new Vice Chair.

## 4. Financial implications

- 4.1. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

## 5. Legal implications

- 5.1 The Constitution provides at Article 6 that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will appoint the sub-committees (select committees) set out in the Constitution, each of which will have the membership also set out, which is between 6 and 10 members of the Council, who are not members of the Executive, the number to be determined annually by the Council.

## 6. Equalities implications

- 6.1. There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report.

## 7. Climate change and environmental implications

- 7.1. There are no direct climate change or environmental implications arising from this report.

## 8. Crime and disorder implications

- 8.1. There are no direct crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

## 9. Health and wellbeing implications

- 9.1. There are no direct health and wellbeing implications arising from this report.

## 10. Glossary

Term	Definition
Overview & Scrutiny	Overview and scrutiny is the way in which Mayor and Cabinet (the 'Executive'), officers and external organisations are held to account for the decisions that they make. It is led by councillors who are not members of the Executive. They also influence policy development and investigate issues of local concern, making recommendations for improvement.
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	A committee made up of ten non-executive councillors which carries out scrutiny focussing on strategic and cross cutting issues.

## 11. Background Papers

[Overview and Scrutiny Committee decisions 29.03.23](#)

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