

Report to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Date of meeting: 2 February 2021



Subject: Co-option of Independent Member to Stronger Communities Select Committee

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Recommendations/Decisions Required:

- (1) That Mr Wyn Marshall be appointed as a non-voting Co-opted member of the Stronger Communities Select Committee until the end of the 2021/22 municipal year.**
 - (2) That the appointment be recommended to Council.**
1. Mr Wyn Marshall is currently the Chairman of the Tenant's and Leaseholders Forum. The Forum represents the views of the tenant's associations and acts as a consultative body for the Council on a range of housing issues. It is particularly important that Tenants have a voice at this level especially in relation to the publication of the Social Housing White paper.
 2. At the last meeting of the Stronger Communities Select Committee on 14 January 2021, the Chairman informed the Committee that a request had been made by officers for Mr Marshall to become a co-opted member of the Committee. This would ensure that tenants opinions and input would be considered in relation to Housing issues scrutinised by this Committee.
 3. The Committee agreed to this request and therefore requests that Mr Marshall be co-opted as a non-voting member of the Committee until the end of the municipal year 2021/22.

Resource Implications:

The current Members' Allowances Scheme provides for the application of an annual allowance of £500.00 for co-opted independent members of an overview and scrutiny committee.

Legal and Governance Implications:

The Council's constitution sets out rules for the management of its overview and scrutiny responsibilities. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is entitled (Article 6) to recommend to the Council the appointment of appropriate persons as non-voting co-optees on select committees.

Safer, Cleaner, Greener Implications:

There are no implications arising from the recommendations of this report in respect of the Council's commitment to the Climate Local Agreement, the corporate Safer, Cleaner,

Greener initiative, or any crime and disorder issues within the district.

Consultation Undertaken:

Stronger Communities Select Committee 14 January 2021.

Background Papers:

None

Impact Assessments:

Risk Management

The Council's constitution (Article 6) sets out rules for the management of its overview and scrutiny responsibilities.

Equality:

There are no equality implications arising from the recommendations of this report.