

Item No. 4	Classification: Open	Date: 25 May 2016	Meeting Name: Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Report title:		Scrutiny arrangements for 2016/17	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Head of Overview & Scrutiny	

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 To note the size and composition of the Overview & Scrutiny committee, as agreed by annual council assembly.
- 1.2 To note the appointment of the chair and vice-chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee
- 1.3 To appoint three scrutiny sub-committees.
- 1.4 To appoint chairs and vice-chairs of the three scrutiny sub-committees.
- 1.5 To determine which committee has responsibility for crime and disorder

2. KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

- 2.1 The annual Council assembly meeting on 14th May 2016 appointed an Overview and Scrutiny Committee with 11 places. Cllrs Gavin Edwards and Rosie Shimell were appointed as chair and vice-chair respectively.
- 2.2 OSC is asked to appoint three sub-committees, agree their size and composition, appoint their chairs and vice-chairs and determine whether scrutiny of crime and disorder is allocated to one of the sub-committees or retained by OSC
- 2.3 Political groups are entitled to the same number of reserve members as the number of seats they have on each sub-committee.
- 2.4 The most proportionate allocation will depend on the number of members of the sub-committee. The table below shows the most proportionate arrangement for individual sub-committees:

Size of sub-committee	Lab	Lib Dem	Con
Nine seats	7	2	0
Eight seats	6	2	0
Seven seats	5	2	0
Six seats	5	1	0
Five seats	4	1	0
Four seats	3	1	0

2.5 The size and composition of sub-committees in 2015-16 was:

Scrutiny Sub-Committee	Lab	Lib Dem	Total	Chair/ Vice chair
Education & Children's Services	5	2	7	Labour/Liberal Democrat
Healthy Communities	5	2	7	Labour/Liberal Democrat
Housing & Community Safety	5	2	7	Labour/Liberal Democrat

2.6 Co-opted members were:

2.7 Education & Children's Services – Church of England and Roman Catholic Diocese representatives, two parent governor representatives, one head teacher representative

2.8 Housing & Community Safety – one representative each from Homeowners' Council and Tenants' Council.

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2.10 Members can agree an allocation that is disproportionate, provided no Member votes against this. In previous years, the committee has varied the size and numbers on each sub-committee to provide for greater cross-party representation.

Background papers	Held at	Contact
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