

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report To: Corporate Improvement Scrutiny Committee

Date: 30 July 2024

Subject: Election of members to the CISC pool of designated chairs.

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Ward(s): All

Exempt: No

Appendices: None

1. Summary and Recommendations

1.1. The purpose of this report is

- a. to establish a 'pool of designated chairs' to chair scrutiny task and finish subgroups for the 2024/25 municipal year; and
- b. To appoint a Chair and then membership to the task group on Children's engagement with families, children and other key communities.

Recommendations

1.2. The Committee is recommended to:

- Approve five members (drawn from Members of the Committee) to act as designated Chairs of task and finish subgroups of the Committee for the 2024/2025 municipal year; and
- Appoint a Chair (from this new pool of chairs) and then members to the task group on Children's engagement with families, children and other key communities.

2. Reasons for the decision

2.1. This report asks the Corporate Improvement Scrutiny Committee to elect five of its members to be included in the 'Task and Finish chairs' pool, as required by Part 4.5, section 5.5 of the constitution.

2.2. Section 5.5 also states that membership of the pool should be politically proportionate as far as is reasonably practicable, but that the pool is not subject to proportionality rules and does not count as a committee for the purpose of calculating proportionality.

- 2.3. The Corporate Improvement Scrutiny Committee will appoint Task and Finish Group chairs from within this pool as and when Task and Finish Groups are set up .
- 2.4. As a matter of urgency the committee is asked to appoint a Chair (and members) to the task group on Children's engagement with families, children and other key communities.
- 2.5. The above mentioned task group was launched in March 2024 [March CISC agenda item](#) but a number of circumstances have lead to a delay in setting up the task group, which urgently needs to be resolved. The scope of the task group can be found at [Appendix A](#)

Commissioner Review

The Commissioner had no comments following review.

3. Other Implications

Financial implications

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications associated with this report.
- 3.2 It should be noted that, should a member of the pool act as Chair of a task and finish group, then this qualifies for a Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) (Part 6 of the Constitution) of £2,402 paid on a pro rata basis according to the length of time acting as Chair as measured from the date their Scrutiny Task & Finish Group was established until the date its report was received by the Corporate Improvement Scrutiny Committee. Members can only receive one SRA so if Member already receives an SRA in 2024-25, they would not be entitled to any further allowance for chairing a Task & Finish Group.

Other statutory implications

- 3.3 There are no other specific statutory or legal implications arising from this report.

Workforce

- 3.4 None.

4. Conclusion

The Committee is requested to elect five members as designated Chairs for the 2024/2025 municipal year.

5. Background Papers

None.