

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report To: Corporate Improvement Scrutiny Committee

Date: 24 June 2025

Subject: Election of members to the Corporate Improvement Scrutiny Committee pool of designated chairs, and appointment of Members to task groups.

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Ward(s): All

Exempt: No

Appendices: None

1. Summary and Recommendations

- 1.1 The purpose of this report to establish a ‘pool of designated chairs’ to chair scrutiny task and finish groups for the 2025/26 municipal year, and to appoint a Chair and then 3 additional members to each of the two task groups on:
 - i. Budget Management and Budget Planning and
 - ii. The Improvement and Recovery Programme.

2. Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to:

- 2.1 Approve five members (drawn from Members of the Committee) to act as designated Chairs of task and finish groups of the Committee for the 2025/2026 municipal year; and
- 2.2 Appoint a Chair (from the new pool of chairs) and then three members to each of the task groups on:
 - i. Budget Management and Budget Planning and
 - ii. The Improvement and Recovery Programme

3. Report

- 3.1 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.

- 3.2 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.
- 3.3 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.
- 3.4 The task groups were approved for establishment at the CISC meeting on 29 April 2025, and it was resolved that task group members be appointed to each at its first meeting of the municipal cycle on 24 June 2025.

Commissioner Review

This is a procedural report and no Commissioner review was required.

4. Other Implications

Financial implications

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications associated with this report.
- 4.2 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

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

5. Conclusion

The Committee is requested to elect five members as designated Chairs for the 2025/2026 municipal year, and to appoint the membership of the task and finish groups.

6. Background Papers

[Agenda for Corporate Improvement Scrutiny Committee on Tuesday, 29th April, 2025, 6.30 pm](#)