



OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No: 6
22 June 2020	PUBLIC REPORT

CO-OPTION OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER (AND SUBSTITUTE) FROM CONSTITUENT COUNCILS.

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to ask the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider appointing an independent member from a Constituent Council for the ensuing year.

RECOMMENDATION

Lead Officer: Robert Parkin, Chief Legal Officer and Monitoring Officer

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee is recommended to

- i) Consider the co-option of an independent member (and substitute) from a Constituent Council.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Combined Authority at its Annual General Meeting on 3 June 2020 confirmed the appointment of members nominated by constituent councils to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 2.2 The Board also requested the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the co-option of an independent member and substitute from a Constituent Council for the municipal year 2020/21. The substitute will not necessarily be required to be a named substitute from the same Constituent Council.
- 2.3 An appointment would not compromise the political balance of the Committee and is at the discretion of the Committee. The co-opted member (and substitute) would not be given voting rights, nor would they be considered as a member of the Committee when paying due regard to the criteria of the call-in process, outlined in Chapter 13, Overview and Scrutiny Committee 13.7 of

the Constitution.

- 2.4 If the Committee were to resolve to co-opt an Independent member (and substitute) a suggested approach would be to seek expressions of interests with a random selection made by an independent officer of the authority and witnessed by the Monitoring Officer.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 In accordance with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Order 2017, no remuneration is to be payable by the Combined Authority to its members including co-opted members of the Overview and Committee.

4.0 APPENDICES

- 4.1 None