



CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY BOARD	AGENDA ITEM No: 1.6
30 OCTOBER 2019	PUBLIC REPORT

DESIGNATION OF SCRUTINY OFFICER

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1. The Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2017 require the Combined Authority to designate one of its officers as the Scrutiny Officer of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee. The Combined Authority may not designate as the Scrutiny Officer any officer of a constituent council.
- 1.2. Following the resignation of the previous Interim Scrutiny Officer, this report recommends that Katarina Odell be designated as Interim Scrutiny Officer for the remainder of the maternity leave of the Scrutiny Officer.

<u>DECISION REQUIRED</u>	
Lead Member:	Mayor James Palmer
Lead Officer:	Dermot Pearson, Interim Legal Counsel and Monitoring Officer
Forward Plan Ref: n/a	Key Decision: No
The Combined Authority Board is recommended to: (a) Designate Katarina Odell as the Combined Authority's Interim Scrutiny Officer for the remainder of the maternity leave of the Scrutiny Officer.	Voting arrangements Simple majority of all Members

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1. The Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2017 require the Combined Authority to designate one of its officers as the Scrutiny Officer of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee. The Combined Authority may not designate as the Scrutiny Officer any officer of a constituent council.
- 2.2. The functions of the Scrutiny Officer are:
- (a) To promote the role of the overview and scrutiny committee;
 - (b) To provide support and guidance to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and its members; and
 - (c) To provide support and guidance to members of the Combined Authority and to the Mayor in relation to the functions of the Overview and Scrutiny committee.
- 2.3. This appointment is necessary because the previous interim Scrutiny Officer has left the Combined Authority to take up a permanent role and cover is required pending the return of the permanent Scrutiny Officer from maternity leave.
- 2.4. Katarina Odell has previously worked in the Democratic Services team at a District Council. She also has extensive experience of researching policy issues as a policy advisor to a Member of the European Parliament.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1. The costs of the appointment will be contained within the 2019/20 staffing budget, as approved by the Board on 30th January 2019.

4.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. The legal requirements as to the designation of a Scrutiny Officer are set out in the body of the report.

5.0 APPENDICES

- 5.1. None

<u>Background Papers</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	Not applicable