



Title of meeting: Cabinet

Date of meeting: 11 February 2025

Subject: Appointment to an Outside Organisation

Report by: James Harris, Senior Local Democracy Officer

Wards affected: N/A

Key decision: No

Full Council decision: No

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. To agree the appointment of a deputy member for the Partnership for South Hampshire Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. That Cabinet agrees the appointment of a deputy to the Partnership for South Hampshire Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

3. Background

- 3.1. All outside appointments to have effect until superseded, or in the case of a Councillor, until their term of office expires or they resign from the position.

4. Reasons for recommendations

- 4.1. Portsmouth City Council's policy is to support and encourage participation by Councillors and Officers in the activities of outside organisations ('**Outside Bodies**') which further PCC's policies and priorities.

5. Integrated impact assessment

- 5.1. An Integrated Impact Assessment is not necessary, as no new policies are proposed.



6. City Solicitor comments

- 6.1. Nominations to Outside Bodies are subject to Part 4E of the constitution which notes that;

"In making appointments to any outside body or organisation, the Executive collectively or an individual Executive member, should act in accordance with the following rules to ensure that, so far as possible, the political proportionality of the council is maintained."

- 6.2. The Council nominates and is asked to nominate Councillors and Officers to sit on organisations known as outside bodies. This is beneficial to the Council and to the organisations involved as a mechanism for community leadership, partnership working, information sharing and support for the Council's and the organisation's priorities.
- 6.3. The Council's role in relation to the outside bodies therefore varies hugely and has legal ramifications to the Council, the outside bodies themselves and those Councillors and Officers who are nominated to those organisations.
- 6.4. There are a number of different outside bodies to whom the Council appoints. The nomination in question is to a joint committee to discharge Council functions, namely scrutiny of the Partnership for South Hampshire.

Type of Representation

- 6.5. Appointees can take on a range of roles on outside bodies. Nominees must therefore fully understand the role they are being asked to take on as their role may involve them taking on personal liability for their actions for which the Council will have no responsibility.

Risks

- 6.6. Where the Council is nominating a representative to an outside body, the Council should be confident that the nominee will act appropriately and represent the Council to the high standards the Council expects. For example, where nominees are elected Councillors or employed Council officers, they are subject to either the Officer or Councillor Code of Conduct as appropriate and any mis-conduct can be managed through those codes.
- 6.7. Nominees will need to consider whether their position with the outside body should be noted in their declaration of interests. Further advice should be sought from the City Solicitor where required.

7. Director of Finance's comments

- 7.1. There are no finance implications arising from this report.

Appendices:

- **Appendix 1** - Nominations received for the position.
- **Appendix 2** - Part 4E of the Council's Constitution - Appointments to Outside Bodies and organisations, Charities etc - Political Proportionality Protocol.
- **Appendix 3** - Part 9D of the Council's Constitution - Guidance for Members and officers representing the Council on Outside Bodies.

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location
None.	

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/

rejected by on

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Signed by:

Appendix 1

Nominations received for the position of PCC deputy member for the Partnership for South Hampshire Overview & Scrutiny Committee

1. Councillor Graham Heaney