

AGENDA ITEM NO.

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
Report to	THE EXECUTIVE AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL
Date	10 JUNE 2013 AND 18 JUNE 2013
Subject	APPOINTMENT OF NON VOTING CO-OPTees TO SCRUTINY COMMITTEES
Lead Officer(s)	MONITORING OFFICER
Contact Officer	SCRUTINY MANAGER
Nature and reason for reporting: Appointment of non voting co-optees to Scrutiny Committees.	

A – Introduction / Background / Issues
A change that requires Executive consideration and Council approval to simplify the process of appointment of non voting co-optees to Scrutiny Committees.

B - Considerations
Appointment of non voting co-optees to Scrutiny Committees is encouraged by the Welsh Government in the local Government Measure 2011.

C – Implications and Impacts		
1	Finance / Section 151	
2	Legal / Monitoring Officer	
3	Human Resources	

C – Implications and Impacts		
4	Property Services (see notes – separate document)	
5	Information and Communications Technology (ICT)	
6	Equality (see notes – separate document)	
7	Anti-poverty and Social (see notes – separate document)	
8	Communication (see notes – separate document)	
9	Consultation (see notes – separate document)	Consultation with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head of Function – Legal and Administration/ Monitoring Officer • Head of Function- Resources /S151 Officer
10	Economic	
11	Environmental (see notes – separate document)	

C – Implications and Impacts	
12	Crime and Disorder (see notes – separate document)
13	Outcome Agreements

CH - Summary
In order to comply with the Welsh Government’s aim to encourage Scrutiny Committees to co-opt non voting members it is suggested that the Council delegates to each Scrutiny Committee the discretion to appoint non voting co-optees, for whatever period of time and terms each Scrutiny Committee considers appropriate, without having to obtain Council approval.

D - Recommendation
That the Council delegates to each Scrutiny Committee the discretion to appoint non voting co-optees, for whatever period of time and terms each Scrutiny Committee considers appropriate, without having to obtain Council approval.

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Date: 30 May 2013

Appendix :
Report on appointment of non voting co-optees to Scrutiny Committees

Background papers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statutory Guidance from the Local Government Measure 2011 dated June 2012 • Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report dated December 2012.

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1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval for the Council to delegate to each Scrutiny Committee the discretion to appoint non voting co-optees, for whatever period of time and terms each Scrutiny Committee considers appropriate, without having to obtain Council approval.

2.0 BACKGROUND TO VOTING AND NON VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBERS ON SCRUTINY COMMITTEES IN WALES

2.1 VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Within the provisions of paragraph 8 to schedule 1 to the Local Government Act 2000 and the Parent Governor Representatives and Church Representatives (Wales) Regulations 2001, certain co-optees are statutory and automatically have voting rights when a Scrutiny Committee deals with educational matters. The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales has determined that Councils in Wales should pay such voting co-opted members a fee of £198 (daily fee- more than 4 hours) and £99 (half daily fee-less than 4 hours) but can decide on the maximum number of days for which co-opted members may be paid in any one year.

- 2.2 The Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009 and the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) (Amendment) regulations 2010 deals with the co-option of additional members to a Scrutiny Committee dealing with a crime and disorder matter. The co-option of additional members is at the discretion of the relevant Scrutiny Committee including whether any co-optee should have voting rights. If the co-optee is given voting rights by the Committee then the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales has determined that Councils in Wales pay such voting co-opted members a fee of £198 (daily fee-more than 4 hours) and £99 (half daily fee-less than 4 hours) but can decide on the maximum number of days for which co-opted members may be paid in any one year.

2.3 NON VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Apart from co-optees referred to in paragraph 2.1 and 2.2 of this report, all other co-optees appointed to a Scrutiny Committee are non-voting and there is no prescribed fee payable by the Council other than claimable travel and subsistence allowance. The procedure for appointing such co-optees (contained in the Scrutiny Procedure Rules of the Council's Constitution) is that each Scrutiny Committee shall be entitled to recommend to Council the appointment of a number of people as non-voting co-optees.

3.0 APPOINTMENT OF NON VOTING CO-OPTES TO SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

- 3.1 The Local Government Measure 2011 introduced changes intended to strengthen the structures and working of local government in Wales and to ensure that local councils reach out to engage with all sectors of the communities they serve
- 3.2 Under statutory guidance issued under the Local Government Measure 2011 the Welsh Government considers that including a broader range of specialists or community representatives or service users as non-voting co-optees in scrutiny is advantageous as it enables elected members to send powerful messages about citizen centered services and partnership working through their own structures and practices.
- 3.3 The precedent of having co-opted members on Committees is already well established. For example, on the Standards Committee 'independent' members shall be appointed in accordance with arrangements set out in the Standards Committee (Wales) Regulations 2001 and the Standards Committees (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006. In addition there is a requirement, under the Local Government Measure 2011, that the membership of the Audit Committee includes one lay member. Both these Committees advertised in the press for lay independent members.
- 3.4 In order to comply with the Welsh Government's aim to encourage Scrutiny Committees to appoint non-voting co-optees, and to simplify the process for appointing such non-voting co-optees, it is considered beneficial that the Council delegates to each Scrutiny Committee the discretion to appoint non-voting co-optees, for whatever period of time and terms each Scrutiny Committee considers appropriate, without having to obtain Council approval. This delegation of authority to Scrutiny Committee will enhance the flexibility of Scrutiny Committees to appoint non-voting co-optees to deal with a specific review or task it has to undertake and make it more responsive to events.

3.5 If the Council agrees to the delegation of authority to the Scrutiny Committees to appoint non voting co-optees the Scrutiny Unit will thereafter discuss the matter with Scrutiny Committee Chairs prior to submitting any report to the Scrutiny Committees for the appointment of non voting co-optees.

3.6 Each Scrutiny Committee holds six ordinary meeting in every municipal year but additional extra-ordinary meetings and Panel meetings may also be called.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

4.1 That the Council delegates to each Scrutiny Committee the discretion to appoint non voting co-optees, for whatever period of time and terms each Scrutiny Committee considers appropriate, without having to obtain Council approval.

Report by: Scrutiny Manager

Dated: 30 May 2013