

***Appointments to
Committees and Outside
Bodies***

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES – THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AND THE NORTHUMBRIA POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Report of the Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to consider appointments to the Scrutiny Committee and the Northumbria Police and Crime Panel.

2.0 Scrutiny Committee

- 2.1** At the Annual Meeting of the Council on 16th May 2012 Members considered the appointment of persons to the statutory co-opted positions on the Scrutiny Committee. They approved the nomination of Ms A. Blakey as the Roman Catholic diocese representative and decided to leave the positions in relation to the Church of England diocese representative and the two Parent Governor representatives vacant for the time being.
- 2.2** Council is now asked to consider approving the nominations of Ms R. Elliott and Ms H. Harper as the two Parent Governor representatives on the Committee.

3.0 Northumbria Police and Crime Panel

- 3.1** As Members will be aware, the Northumbria Police Authority is to be replaced by a publicly elected Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) who will be responsible for overseeing the Chief Constable and holding the Chief to account to ensure an efficient and effective police service for the area.

A Police and Crime Panel will be created to scrutinise and support the PCC. The panel will be made up of councillors to be nominated by the six constituent councils along with two co-opted members.

- 3.2** The Home Office have asked that they be advised of nominations to the Panel by 16th July. In order to comply with this request within the time constraints, the majority group's nominations of the Leader of the Council, with the Deputy Leader as substitute, and Councillor Gofton with Councillor S Watson as substitute have been passed to Gateshead Council as the interim host authority for onward transmission to the Home Office subject to Council approval. The Council is therefore requested to approve the nominations.

4.0 Recommendations:

4.1 The Council is accordingly recommended to consider:

- (i) appointing Ms R. Elliott and Ms H. Harper as the two Parent Governor representatives on the Scrutiny Committee, and
- (ii) approving the nominations to the Northumbria Police and Crime Panel of the Leader of the Council, with the Deputy Leader as substitute, and Councillor Gofton with Councillor S Watson as substitute.