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SCRUTINY MEMBER – SHEFFIELD CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY (B000)

MEETING: 1. OVERVIEW AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY
FORUM

2. COUNCIL

DATE: 1. 19 JUNE 2014

2. 30 JULY 2014

REPORT BY: REGULATORY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW
MANAGER

WARD: ALL

KEY DECISION

FOR PUBLICATION YES

BACKGROUND PAPERS: NONE

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To agree and refer the nomination of a member of the Overview & Performance Scrutiny Forum to Full Council for its approval to be the Council's representative on the Scrutiny Committee of the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority.

1.2 This report has been updated to take account of the recommendation of the Overview and Performance Scrutiny Forum on 19th June 2014.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That Full Council agrees the Overview & Performance Scrutiny Forum's nomination of Jean Innes, a Member of the Overview & Performance Scrutiny Forum, to be the Council's representative on the Scrutiny Committee of the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority.

3.0 **BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 As Members will be aware, the Council is a non-constituent member of the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority (the Combined Authority). The Combined Authority came into being on the 1st April 2014. And, informal guidance has been given to it as to the Secretary of State's preferred approach to Overview and Scrutiny for the Combined Authority to assist its officers in finalising the Constitution. This followed a greater level of prescription in the Order setting out the Combined Authority than had been anticipated. The original Scheme for the proposed Combined Authority model Scheme submitted to the Secretary of State for his approval contained a "light touch" approach to scrutiny. However, the Order creating the Combined Authority prescribed the establishing of one or more Overview and Scrutiny Committees (the Committee).
- 3.2 The position now is that the Combined Authority's Scrutiny Committee will comprise a Chair (determined by the Members of the Combined Authority). And, one Member to be nominated by each member Council of the Combined Authority together with such additional Members as necessary so that political balance of the Committee reflects the political balance of the political groups across the Combined Authority.
- 3.3 For Member's information the position is that voting rights on the Committee should be extended to the members nominated by the non-constituent Authorities. This will mean that the nominee Member proposed to Full Council by the Overview and Performance Scrutiny Forum will have a vote at the Committee because the Committee is not taking executive decisions and also the concept of the Scrutiny process contemplates co-option from a wider range of the Combined Authority's stakeholders.
- 3.4 It is proposed that there will be an early informal discussion between Combined Authority's Leaders and the Chair of the Committee following their appointment.
- 3.5 At its meeting on 19th June 2014 of the Overview and Performance Scrutiny Forum it was resolved (at Minute 3 2014/15) :
- (1) That Scrutiny agree the nomination of Councillor Innes as Member of the Overview and Performance Scrutiny Forum to be the Council's representative on the Scrutiny Committee of the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority.

(2) That the nomination be referred to Full Council for approval at its meeting on 30 July, 2014.

4.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There are none arising from this report save to note that there is no dedicated officers resources to support the Overview and Scrutiny function beyond immediate governance officer support.

5.0 **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 These are set out in the body of the report.

6.0 **EQUALITIES CONSIDERATIONS**

6.1 The recommendation that a Member of the Overview & Performance Scrutiny Forum by Full Council does not impact on the Council's duties to promote good relations, promote positive attitudes and eliminate unlawful discrimination. And, an equalities impact assessment is not required.

7.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

7.1 That Full Council agrees the Overview & Performance Scrutiny Forum's nomination of, Jean Inness, a Member of the Overview & Performance Scrutiny Forum to be the Council's representative on the Scrutiny Committee of the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority.

8.0 **REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 To ensure that the Council has a nominated Member of the Combined Authority's Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

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Further information on this matter can be obtained from Gerard Rogers (Extension 01246 345310).