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# Appointment of Independent Members to the Overview and Scrutiny Panels

Report by the Head of Democratic and Central Services

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Following the review of its democratic structure, the Council decided to introduce provision for two independent members of the public to be appointed to each of the Overview and Scrutiny Panels. The process to identify candidates has been completed and is reported for ratification by the Council.

## 2. INDEPENDENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MEMBERS

- 2.1 The Council's Constitution provides for a total of six independent members to be recruited. Two independent members will be appointed to each Panel.

- 2.2 A programme of publicity designed to generate expressions of interest in joining the Panels from members of the public has been undertaken. There has been an exceptional response and the Overview and Scrutiny Panels authorised the Head of Democratic and Central Services to convene politically balanced Selection Panels to interview the applicants and to make recommendations on the recruitment of two independent members to each Panel.

- 2.3 The Selection Panels all met during the week beginning 25th January 2010. As a result the following individuals have been selected:

### **Economic Well-Being**

Mr R Hall  
24 St Margaret's Road  
Wyton  
Huntingdon PE28 2AN

Mrs H Roberts  
39, The Glades  
Huntingdon PE29 6JS

### **Environmental Well-Being**

Mr D P Hopkins  
The Manor  
Pidley  
Huntingdon PE28 3DD

Mr M T Phillips  
5 Chapel Close  
Hilton  
Huntingdon PE28 9NS

### **Social Well-Being**

Mr R Coxhead  
28 Dovehouse Close  
Godmanchester  
Huntingdon PE29 2DY

Mrs M Nicholas,  
Highfield Farm,  
Drewels Lane,  
Eynesbury,  
St Neots PE19 6XW

- 2.4 Once the formal appointment process has been completed, inductions will be held. The independent members will be invited to their first Overview and Scrutiny Panel meetings in March.

### **3 RECOMMENDATION**

3.1 It is

#### **RECOMMENDED**

**that the Council appoints to the Overview and Scrutiny Panels the individuals listed in paragraph 2.3 above for a period of four years.**

#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Independent Overview and Scrutiny Panel Members file held in the Office of the Director of Central Services.

Huntingdonshire District Council Scheme of Co-Option.

Huntingdonshire District Council Guidance for Independent Members of Overview and Scrutiny Panels.

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