
Paper A - Appointment of Vice-Chair of Scrutiny Committee – Corporate and Resources

Lead Member: Councillor Bob Filmer – Chair of Scrutiny Committee – Corporate and Resources

Division and Local Member: All

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1. Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out the proposed nomination of Councillor Henry Hobhouse to the role of Vice-Chair of Scrutiny Committee for Corporate and Resources.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **The Council is recommended to approve the appointment of Councillor Henry Hobhouse as the Vice-Chair of Scrutiny Committee – Corporate and Resources.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The Leader of the Council appointed Councillor Richard Wilkins to the role of Lead Member-Transport and Digital with effect from 1 January 2024.

In accordance with legislation and the Council’s Constitution, a member of the Executive (Leader of the Council or a Lead Member) cannot be a member of a scrutiny committee. In addition to being a former member of Scrutiny Committee – Corporate and Resources, Councillor Wilkins was also the Vice Chair of that committee.

Councillor Hobhouse was appointed to the vacancy on Scrutiny Committee – Corporate and Resources. The committee has chosen at each of its meetings in January and February 2024 to appoint him as Vice-Chair. The recommendation above seeks Full Council approval to the appointment.

4. Background Papers

4.1 These are set out on the Council website.