

Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Regeneration)

Date: 27th September 2011

Subject: Co-option to the Board

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Summary of main issues

1. The Scrutiny Board (Regeneration) co-opted Mr G Hall for its inquiry on housing growth. This inquiry has now been completed and a draft report and recommendations is to be considered later this morning. During the course of this inquiry Mr Hall has attended several working group sessions and taken part in the delegation to meet the Chief Planner at the DCLG in London on 15th September 2011. His knowledge and expertise on these issues particularly with regard to the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) has been invaluable.
2. The Board has agreed to undertake an inquiry on Affordable Homes and private developers. The terms of reference for this inquiry which are to be considered later this morning propose that Mr Hall be appointed to the Board for this inquiry.
3. It is now proposed that Mr G Hall be co-opted to the Board until the AGM in May 2012.

Council's Constitution

4. Article 6 of the Council's Constitution, which relates to scrutiny, outlines provision to allow the appointment of additional co-opted members to each of the Scrutiny Boards.
5. Such provision entitles each Scrutiny Board to appoint:

- (i) Up to five non-voting co-opted members¹, for a term of office which does not go beyond the next Annual Meeting of the Council; and/or,
- (ii) Up to two non-voting co-opted members¹, for a term of office which relates to a particular Scrutiny Inquiry.

Recommendations

- 6. The Board is asked to consider approving the co-option of Mr G Hall to this Scrutiny Board without voting rights for a term of office which does not go beyond the next Annual Meeting of the Council in 2012.

Background documents

- 7. Council's Constitution

¹ *Co-option would normally only be appropriate where the co-optee has some specialist skill or knowledge which would be of assistance to the Board in its general operation or as part of a specific Scrutiny Inquiry.*