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**Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development**

**Scrutiny Board (Environment and Neighbourhoods)**

**Date: 11<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

**Subject: Co-option to the Board for particular Scrutiny Inquiries relating to Crime and Disorder**

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**Electoral Wards Affected: All**

Ward Members consulted  
(referred to in report)

**Specific Implications For:**

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

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**1.0 Purpose of the report**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to the appointment of Mrs Janet Spencer as a co-optee to this Board for any particular scrutiny inquiries the Board might undertake in relation to its responsibilities under local crime and disorder matters.

**2.0 Background**

2.1 Mrs Spencer is an Independent Member of the West Yorkshire Police Authority.

2.1 A brief biography about Mrs Spencer is attached to this report for the attention of the Board and has been taken from the West Yorkshire Police Website which is available to the public.

**3.0 Council's Constitution**

3.1 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.

3.2 Such provision entitles each Scrutiny Board to appoint:

- (i) Up to five non-voting co-opted members<sup>1</sup>, 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 members<sup>1</sup>, for a term of office which relates to a particular Scrutiny Inquiry.

### **3.0 Recommendation**

- 3.1 Members are asked to consider approving the co-option of Mrs Janet Spencer to this Scrutiny Board without voting rights for any particular inquiry the Board might undertake in relation to its responsibilities under crime and disorder and for a term of office which does not go beyond the next Annual Meeting of the Council in 2011.

### Background Papers

None used

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<sup>1</sup> 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.