

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub Committee 14 October 2014</b>
<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Co-option of teacher representative to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub Committee</b>
<b>LEAD OFFICER:</b>	<b>Julie Belvir Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer, Director of Democratic &amp; Legal Services</b>
<b>CABINET MEMBER:</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>
<b>ORIGIN OF ITEM:</b>	To co-opt a non-voting teacher representative to the Sub-Committee following the departure of the previous co-optee
<b>BRIEF FOR THE COMMITTEE:</b>	To consider and confirm the nomination received from the Croydon Teaching Unions' Joint Liaison Committee.

## 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 At its meeting on 19 October 2010, Scrutiny and Overview Committee agreed a framework for the co-option of non-voting co-optees to the Committee and its Sub Committees, which is attached at **appendix 1**.
- 1.2 Croydon Teaching Unions' Joint Liaison Committee has nominated Dave Harvey as a teacher representative on the Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee. He has provided the Committee with a supporting statement which is attached at **appendix 2**.

## 2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Sub Committee is recommended to:

Appoint Dave Harvey as a non-voting co-opted member as nominated by the Croydon Teaching Unions' Joint Liaison Committee for the remainder of the municipal year.

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### BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

None

# FRAMEWORK FOR THE NOMINATION, APPOINTMENT AND RETENTION OF NON-VOTING CO-OPTEEES TO CROYDON SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

The Council's constitution permits Scrutiny Committees to appoint non-voting co-optees. The purpose of this 'Framework' is to lay some ground-rules as to how Scrutiny Committees might use this opportunity.

Non-voting co-optees appointed by Scrutiny Committees should:

- be nominees of relevant broad-based voluntary or private sector networks or forums
- be willing to draw knowledge from, and feed information back to, their nominating network or forum as one means of promoting wider public understanding of, and involvement in, Scrutiny
- not be individuals who are strongly identified with partnership working with Croydon Council (in order to avoid potential conflicts of interest that might result from contributing to both partnership and scrutiny work on the same or similar issues)
- provide a short written statement on how they believe they can make an effective contribution to the Scrutiny Committee to inform the Committee's decision on whether or not to appoint nominees put forward
- be prepared to attend an induction session with the Scrutiny Unit or with Committee members
- be appointed for the remainder of the municipal year, or for a shorter period if the Committee so decides
- have their membership withdrawn if they fail to attend two successive meetings without good cause
- on appointment, sign an undertaking to observe the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors and complete an entry in the Register of Interests
- not be a member of more than one Croydon Scrutiny Committee
- confirm their willingness to accept and seek to fulfil the above expectations prior to their appointment

## Appendix 2

### Supporting Statement by Dave Harvey

In accordance with the “Framework for the nomination, appointment and retention of non-voting co-optees to Croydon Scrutiny Committees”, please see the following written statement provided by Dave Harvey.

My name is Dave Harvey. I has been nominated by Croydon Teaching Unions' Joint Liaison Committee.as the teacher union representative on Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee.

I have been a teacher in Croydon schools, mainly in the primary sector, since the 1980s and am currently employed at Elmwood Junior School in Broad Green.

I have been a school governor at three different schools for the best part of the last 20 years and represent community primary school governors on the Croydon Schools Forum. I was previously funded as an EMAG (Ethnic Minority Achievement Grant) teacher for several years. Since the money is no longer ring-fenced, I have developed a particular interest in scrutinising through governing bodies and the Forum that the level of funding for ethnic minority pupils is not reduced and am keen to help ensure that adequate support is given to help ethnic minority pupils reach their potential.

I am branch secretary of Croydon National Union of Teachers, the union that represents two thirds of teachers in the borough's schools.

Since 1988 I have been regularly re-elected to the Outer South London seat on the NUT national executive and for the past six years have served on the General Council of the TUC as one of the two representatives from my union.

