

Report to:	COUNCIL
Relevant Officer:	Mark Towers, Director of Governance and Partnerships
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor L Williams, Leader of the Council
Date of Meeting:	18 May 2022

SCRUTINY LEAD MEMBER

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider the re-appointment of a Lead Member for Scrutiny.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To agree to re-appoint Councillor Maxine Callow as chair of the Scrutiny Leadership Board, as she is the current incumbent, has significant experience of undertaking scrutiny and has also served on the Executive.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 To ensure effective scrutiny at Blackpool Council.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

There are no other options to consider which would be in accordance with the North West Employers review and previous Council decisions arising from that review.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The Scrutiny Committees and the Scrutiny Leadership Board chaired by Lead Scrutiny Member will focus on the proposed priorities of the Council and performance management in those areas.

5.0 Background Information: Overview and Scrutiny

5.1 At the Annual Council meeting in 2019, the Council following a recommendation from the review of scrutiny by North West Employers (NWE) appointed Cllr Mrs M Callow as the Scrutiny Lead Member who would also chair the Scrutiny Leadership Board. She has been re-appointed to this position at subsequent Annual Council meetings.

5.2 The current practice is that the Chair for the scrutiny committees be a majority party councillor and the Vice Chair of the committees be a principal Opposition councillor. The Chair of the Scrutiny Leadership Board was identified in the NWE review as a key role and a role profile had been drawn up, which is attached at Appendix 10(a). It is considered to re-appoint Councillor Mrs Maxine Callow as Chair of this Board, as she has significant experience of undertaking scrutiny and has also served on the Executive. The Chair will continue to report to Council twice a year on progress made and value added by the scrutiny function.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

List of Appendices:

Appendix 10(a) - Scrutiny Leadership Board Chair Role Profile

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 The Local Government Act 2000 set out the statutory responsibilities in terms of the Council's scrutiny arrangements. This includes the requirement for co-opted members on scrutiny committees dealing with educational matters.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 There are no human resources considerations.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 There are no equalities considerations.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 There are no financial implications

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 There are no risk management considerations.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 There are no ethical considerations.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 Consultation has taken place with the Group Leaders.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 There are no additional background papers to this report.