



**ST HELENS**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

## Council

**15 November 2023**

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>Appointment of Co-Opted Representative for Healthwatch to Adult Social Care &amp; Health Scrutiny Committee</b>
<b>Cabinet Portfolio</b>	Corporate Services
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Councillor Martin Bond
<b>Exempt Report</b>	No
<b>Reason for Exemption</b>	N/A
<b>Key Decision</b>	No
<b>Public Notice issued</b>	N/A
<b>Wards Affected</b>	All
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<b>Borough Priorities</b>	Ensure children and young people have a positive start in life	
	Promote good health, independence, and care across our communities	
	Create safe and strong communities and neighbourhoods for all	
	Support a strong, thriving, inclusive and well-connected local economy	
	Create green and vibrant places that reflect our heritage and culture	
	Be a responsible Council	X

## **1. Summary**

- 1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules allow Council to appoint non-voting co-optees as appropriate.
- 1.2 The Adult Social Care and Health (ASCH) Scrutiny Committee membership has included a co-opted representative of Healthwatch for 10 years.
- 1.3 Healthwatch had notified the Council that their current representative is now unable to participate in future meetings.
- 1.4 Healthwatch has proposed Canon Geoff Almond be co-opted onto the Committee as their representative.
- 1.5 At its meeting held on 9 October 2023, ASCH Scrutiny Committee resolved to recommend that Council be asked to approve the co-option of Canon Geoff Almond as a non-voting member.

## **2. Recommendation for Decision**

Council be recommended to:

- 1) appoint Canon Geoff Almond as the new non-voting co-opted representative for Healthwatch on Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee.

## **3. Purpose of this report**

- 3.1 To recommend to Council to appoint a new Co-opted member representing Healthwatch to the Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee.

## **4. Background / Reason for the recommendations**

- 4.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution state as follows:

(f) The Overview and Scrutiny Commission or a Scrutiny Committee shall be entitled to recommend the Council to appoint a number of people as non-voting co-optees, as appropriate.

- 4.2 Healthwatch have notified that their representative, who had attended meetings for 10 years, is now unable to participate.
- 4.3 Healthwatch proposed Canon Geoff Almond be co-opted onto the Committee.

## **5. Consideration of Alternatives**

- 5.1 None.

## **6. Conclusions**

6.1 The Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee recommend to Council to co-opt Canon Geoff Almond as the Healthwatch representative.

## **7. Legal Implications**

7.1 None.

## **8. Equality Impact Assessment**

8.1 None.

## **9. Social Value**

9.1 None.

## **10. Net Zero and Environment**

10.1 None.

## **11. Health and Wellbeing**

11.1 None.

## **12. Equality and Human Rights**

12.1 None.

## **13. Customer and Resident**

13.1 None.

## **14. Asset and Property**

14.1 None.

## **15. Staffing and Human Resources**

15.1 None.

## **16. Risks**

16.1 None.

## **17. Finance**

17.1 None.

## **18. Policy Framework Implications**

18.1 None.

## **19. Impact and Opportunities on Localities**

19.1 None.

## **20. Background Documents**

20.1 Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules in the Council Constitution.

## **21. Appendices**

21.1 None.