## **Scheme for Co-optees of Members of Overview and Scrutiny Committees**

## **Definitions**

A Co-opted Member is a member of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee who is not an elected member of the Council.

## The Scheme

The Council will, from time to time, wish to draw on the expertise and knowledge of people within the community when undertaking its scrutiny function. To foster a sense of accountability and inclusivity in the decision making process, the Council consider that such co-optees should be granted voting rights on Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

## **General Principles**

Co-opted members will be subject to the members Code of Conduct and must sign a declaration of office and complete a Personal Interests Form of any relevant interests.