

Westfield Community Association – Appointment of a Member (Executive Decision)

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Purpose of the Report

To seek an appointment from Area South Committee to the Westfield Community Association.

Public Interest

Service on outside bodies is an established part of a Councillor's role. An appointed Member on an outside body will be able to use their knowledge and skills as a Councillor to assist the organisation to which they are appointed.

An outside body (also known as an organisation), must have formal governance but not have been established, or be administered, by SSDC or have SSDC officers as the primary point of contact.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to appoint one member to serve on the Westfield Community Association (WCA) for the municipal year 2016-17.

Background

WCA aims to develop a stronger sense of community in the area to the northwest of Yeovil. WCA was formally launched in October 2007 and is run by a committee of residents. It provides a forum for residents, local government and other organisations to communicate, tackle local issues and take advantage of any opportunities that will benefit local residents.

WCA was founded after a 'Planning for Real'® consultation exercise was carried out by the Area South Development Team in 2005/06 as part of the teams work to create sustainable communities.

WCA's constitution is attached (Appendix A).

The Proposed Appointment

There are a number of community associations throughout Area South and members can attend any of the meetings as part of their normal ward duties. However, Westfield was selected as a pilot area for the Government's 'Our Place' programme and that has led to the production of a Regeneration Plan for the area. Therefore, WCA have asked for a formal appointment of a representative in order to help drive forward this important improvement plan.

The appointment will be as an associate member with voting rights.

Financial Implications

None directly from this report. However, should a member be appointed there is the possibility of a small cost associated with mileage to the meeting venue.

Council Plan Implications

Health and Communities

To build healthy, self reliant, active communities we will:

- Support communities so that they can identify their needs and develop local solutions.
- Target support to areas of need.

Carbon Emissions and Climate Change Implications

None from this report.

Equality and Diversity Implications

None from this report.

Background Papers

SSDC guidance to Councillors appointed to Outside Bodies.
