

Area East Committee Working Groups and Outside Organisations – Appointment of Members 2015/16 (Executive Decision)

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Purpose of the Report

As the Council has entered a new municipal year, the Committee is asked to review its appointments to outside organisations and working groups within Area East, having regard to the policy on the Roles and Responsibilities of Councillors appointed to Outside Bodies, which was adopted by District Executive on 1st May 2014.

Recommendations

The Committee is asked to:

1. Review and appoint members to serve on the groups and panels for the municipal year 2014/15
2. Review and appoint members to the outside organisations as set out in the report.

Area East Panels and Working Groups

The following table shows the internal working groups, and their memberships, appointed by this Committee for the municipal year 2014/2015. The Committee is asked to review and agree the memberships of each of the groups for 2015/16.

Working Group	Number of Councillors to be appointed and frequency of meetings	Representation 2014/2015	Representation 2015/2016 (to be decided at Committee)
Castle Cary Market House Steering Group	3 – meets quarterly; (Bi-monthly during the build)	Mike Lewis Henry Hobhouse Nick Weeks	
The Wessex Cross Border Working Group	1 – meets when required	Colin Winder	

Outside Organisations

Members are now asked to review and appoint members to the outside organisations for 2015/16, having regard to the adopted policy

Organisation	Number of councilors to be appointed and frequency of meetings	Representation 2014/2015	Representation 2015/2016 (to be decided at Committee)
Dimmer Liaison Group -Viridor	2 – twice a year	Nick Weeks	
Henstridge Airfield Consultative Committee	3 – Annual in the Autumn; then when necessary	Tim Inglefield	
Heart of Wessex Local Action Group	1 – Executive meets bi monthly	Mike Lewis (interim)	

Financial Implications

None for the Area East Committee as a direct result of this report.

Council Plan Implications

There are several of the Council's Corporate Focuses which encourage partnership working with local groups, including:-

- Work in partnership to deliver investment and development that local people value with particular emphasis on Yeovil and Chard;
- Work with partners to contribute to tackling youth unemployment;
- Work with partners to combat fuel poverty;
- Ensure, with partners, that we respond effectively to community safety concerns raised by local people and that the strategic priorities for policing and crime reduction in South Somerset reflect local needs;
- Work with and lobby partners to help communities to develop transport schemes and local solutions to reduce rural isolation and inequalities to meet existing needs of those communities.

Carbon Emissions and Climate Change Implications

None

Equality and Diversity Implications

Full consideration to equalities was given in producing the Policy on the Roles and Responsibilities of Councillors appointed to Outside Bodies.

Background Papers

Minute 16, Area East Committee, 12 June 2013

Minute 10, Area East Committee, June 2014

Minute 184, District Executive, 1 May 2014

SSDC Policy on the Roles and Responsibilities of Councillors appointed to Outside Bodies.
