

Area West Committee Working Groups – Appointment of Members 2015/16 (Executive Decision)

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Purpose of the Report

The Committee is asked to appoint an additional member to serve on the Chard Regeneration Scheme Project Board for the municipal year 2015/16. At the June Area West Committee meeting Councillor Jenny Kenton was appointed as the SSDC Chard member representation.

The Board reviewed its terms of reference on 26th June 2015 and has made a request for an additional member to be appointed.

The Committee is also asked to nominate a representative to sit on the Click Into Activity Steering Group. Steering Group meetings will be held every quarter starting from September 2015.

Recommendation

1. The Committee is asked to appoint an additional member to serve on the Chard Regeneration Scheme Project Board for the municipal year 2015/16. It is proposed that this vacancy is filled by Councillor Martin Wale.
2. The Committee is also asked to appoint a member to serve on the Click Into Activity Steering Group.

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Working Group & Purpose
Chard Regeneration Scheme Project Board – SSDC Chard Member Representative The CRS Project Board is responsible for the delivery of the Chard Regeneration Strategy.
Click Into Activity Steering Group The purpose of the Group is to help support and shape the delivery of the CLICK into Activity Programme in Area West.

Financial Implications

None for the Area West Committee. Mileage claimed by Councillors attending meetings of outside bodies and working groups to which they are appointed is approximately £1,000pa and is within the existing budget for Councillors travelling expenses held by Democratic Services. There may be a small saving resulting from any decision to reduce the number of SSDC appointed outside bodies, however, a number of Councillors do not claim any mileage for their attendance at these meetings.

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

Agenda & Minutes - Area West Committee, 17 June 2015
