

11. Community Forums and the need to create new Sub-Committees (Executive Decision)

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Purpose of the Report

To seek approval from members for the creation of three sub-committees to oversee the future community forum events.

Recommendations

It is recommended that members agree;

- to the creation of three sub committees to lead the community forum events in Ilminster, Chard and Crewkerne;
- that these sub-committees be constituted by the members who represent the corresponding community planning partnership areas as laid out in the table below;
- that each of these sub-committees be given delegated authority to agree spending of the £30,000 budget allocated to the relevant forum.

Background

Members have previously agreed to the delivery of community forums in Ilminster, Crewkerne and Chard and their surrounding areas. These forums require a mechanism for member involvement and for the authorising of the money allocated to each of the forum grant schemes.

Report

The arrangements for community forums have already been established by members on 20th June 2007. At that time members agreed that following a community voting process, a community forum sub-committee made up of District Councillors from the Area West Committee would be asked to pass a simple resolution authorising the spending of money.

Officers are now seeking formal agreement for the establishment of these sub-committees to oversee the forums and authorise grant expenditure.

Membership of each Forum Sub-Committee is therefore recommended to be as follows:

Councillor	Area West Community Forum Sub Committee	Forum date
Ros Roderigo	Chard	27.02.08
Nigel Mermagen	Chard	27.02.08
Martin Wale	Chard	27.02.08
Jean Smith	Chard	27.02.08
Dan Shortland	Chard	27.02.08

Councillor	Area West Community Forum Sub Committee	Forum date
Dave Bulmer	Chard	27.02.08
Andrew Turpin	Chard	27.02.08
Mike Best	Crewkerne	23.01.08
Geoff Clarke	Crewkerne	23.01.08
Angie Singleton	Crewkerne	23.01.08
Simon Bending	Crewkerne	23.01.08
Ric Pallister	Crewkerne	23.01.08
Nicci Court	Ilminster	15.11.07
Kim Turner	Ilminster	15.11.07
Linda Vijeh	Ilminster	15.11.07
Robin Munday	Chard	27.02.08
	Crewkerne	23.01.08
	Ilminster	15.11.07

It is noted that one Area West member, Robin Munday, has a ward with parishes in all three of the partnership areas. It is recommended that Cllr. Munday be a member of all three Forum Sub-Committees.

Financial Implications

It has previously been agreed to allocate £75,000 from the Area West Reserve and £15,000 from the Area West Capital Programme to fund the Community Forums.

Implications for Corporate Priorities

None.

Background Papers: *Area West Committee Report - 20th June 2007*
