

Area West Committee – 18th June 2014

9. Area West Committee Working Groups and Outside Organisations - Appointment of Members 2014/15 (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 the appointment of its members to serve on outside organisations and working groups within Area West, 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. agree whether to re-establish the internal working group as listed in the report;
2. appoint a member to serve on the group for the municipal year 2014/15;
3. review and appoint members to the outside organisations as set out in the report.

Area West Working Groups

The following internal working group was appointed by Area West Committee for the last municipal year 2013/14. The Committee is asked to agree the representative to the working group for the municipal year 2014/15.

Working Group & Purpose	2013/14 Representative	Lead Officer
<p>Crewkerne and Area Community Office - Board Representation</p> <p>The Crewkerne and Area Community Office Board maintains a watching brief over the Community Office. The Board is made up of one officer and one member from the Crewkerne Town Council and South Somerset District Council.</p>	Angie Singleton	

Outside Organisations

The organisations and groups to which representatives have been appointed by this Committee are set out below. Members will be aware that they reviewed this list of organisations in June 2013 and made several recommendations towards the final policy on the Roles and Responsibilities of Councillors appointed to Outside Bodies, which was adopted by District Executive on 1st May 2014.

Members are now asked to review and appoint members to the outside bodies for 2014/15, having regard to the adopted policy. Further information is attached at Appendix 1.

Organisation	Representation 2013/14
A Better Crewkerne & District (ABCD)	Mike Best
Blackdown Hills AONB	Ros Roderigo
Chard and District Museum Society	Dave Bulmer
Crewkerne Heritage Centre	John Dyke
Crewkerne Leisure Management (Aqua Centre)	Angie Singleton
Ile Youth Centre Management Committee (Ilminster)	Kim Turner
Ilminster Forum	Carol Goodall
Meeting House Arts Centre, Ilminster	Sue Osborne
South Somerset Disability Forum	Kim Turner
Stop Line Way Steering Group	Appointment deferred

Financial Implications

None for the Area West Committee. Mileage claimed by Councillors attending meetings of outside bodies 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

Minute 14, Area West Committee, 19 June 2013

Minute 184, District Executive, 1 May 2014

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