

Area North Committee – Appointment of Members to Outside Organisations and Groups for 2016/17 (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 North, having regard to the policy on the Roles and Responsibilities of Councillors appointed to Outside Bodies (adopted by District Executive on 1st May 2014).

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to:

- (1) Appoint a member to represent Area North Committee regarding Community Safety / Neighbourhood Policing Liaison.
- (2) Review and appoint members to the outside organisations and groups for 2016/17 as set out in Appendix A.

Area North – Neighbourhood Policing liaison

SSDC is a partner to the Safer Somerset Partnership, although there is no formal governance at a local level with each area supporting arrangements which best meet the needs and priorities of local communities.

Area North Committee appoints a councillor to be the committee's link with the Area Neighbourhood Policing team. Ward members are encouraged to link with the local beat managers and PCSOs and town/parish councillors to understand and address local issues. Last year the appointed member was Councillor Sue Steele.

Outside Organisations and Groups

The organisations and groups to which representatives are requested to be appointed by the Area North Committee for 2016/17 are indicated in Appendix A. The list of organisations was reviewed by Area North Committee in November 2013 and recommendations were made 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 organisations for 2016/17, having regard to the adopted policy.

Financial Implications

None for Area North Committee. Mileage claimed by councillors (across the district) attending meetings of outside bodies to which they are appointed is approximately £1,000 per annum 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 Aims which encourage partnership working with local groups.

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 North Committee, 24 June 2015
 - Minute 57, Area North Committee, 26 August 2015
 - Minute 67, Area North Committee, 23 September 2015
 - Minute 184, District Executive, 1 May 2014
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Appendix A

Area North Outside Organisations and Groups – Appointments to be considered for 2016/17

Organisation / Group (Lead officer contact)	Number of Council Reps. & (Rep in 15/16).	Aims & Objectives	Frequency of Meetings	Existing status of representative
Somerset Levels and Moors Local Action Group Executive Board (Neighbourhood Development Officer - Pauline Burr)	1 (+ 1 officer) (Clare Aparicio Paul)	To support the delivery of a local economic development programme for the Somerset Levels and Moors. Currently in a transition year between the previous and next round of DEFRA funding. (See separate report June 2014). More info at: http://levelsandmoors.somersetleader.org.uk/	About 6 – 8 per year	Full Member
Langport Abattoir Liaison Group (Neighbourhood Development Officer – Sara Kelly)	2 (Clare Aparicio Paul & Derek Yeomans)	To provide a forum for liaison between the operating companies, the communities of Huish Episcopi and Langport and the local Authorities and other agencies responsible for the regulation of the site.	About 2 - 3 per year	Observer / consultative only
Martock Community Planning Partnership (Neighbourhood Development Officer – Mary Ostler)	1 (Neil Bloomfield / Graham Middleton)	To own the Martock Vision and monitor delivery of the Martock Local Community Plan.	Quarterly	Full Member
Strode College Community Education Advisory Committee (Neighbourhood Development Officer – Sara Kelly)	1 (Crispin Raikes)	Advisory Committee to Board of Governors. Committee reviews and promotes the development of the College's work with adult students and its role in supporting community work.	3 per year	Full member (advisory committee only)

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Huish Episcopi Leisure Centre Board (Assistant Director Health and Well-Being Steve Joel)	2 (Clare Aparicio Paul & Tiffany Osborne)	Management Company for Huish Episcopi Leisure Centre.	Approx. 3	Full member