

## **Area West Committee Working Groups and Outside Organisations - Appointment of Members 2017/18 (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 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014.

### **Recommendations**

The Committee is asked to:

1. appoint members to serve on the various Area West Working Groups for the municipal year 2017/18;
2. review and appoint members to the outside organisations as set out in the report.

### **Area West Working Groups**

The following internal working groups were appointed by Area West Committee for the last municipal year 2016/17. The Committee is asked to agree the representatives to the working groups for the municipal year 2017/18.

<b>Working Group &amp; Purpose</b>	<b>2016/17 Representative</b>
<b>Crewkerne and Area Community Office - Board Representation</b>  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.	Angie Singleton
<b>Click Into Activity Steering Group</b>  The purpose of the Group is to help support and shape the delivery of the CLICK into Activity Programme in Area West.	Val Keitch
<b>Chard Business Hub – Project Board</b>  The purpose of the Project Board is to oversee the work of the Chard Business Hub project.	The Chard Business Hub project is currently on hold.

**Chard Regeneration Scheme Board** - The composition of the Chard Regeneration Scheme Board has recently been reviewed to include the five Chard District Council ward members.

## 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 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 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014.

Members are asked to review and appoint members to the outside bodies for 2017/18, having regard to the adopted policy.

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Representation 2016/17</b>
A Better Crewkerne & District (ABCD)	Mike Best
Blackdown Hills AONB	Martin Wale
Chard and District Museum Society	Amanda Broom
Crewkerne Heritage Centre	Marcus Barrett
Crewkerne Leisure Management (Aqua Centre)	Angie Singleton
Ile Youth Centre Management Committee (Ilminster)	Val Keitch
Ilminster Forum	Carol Goodall
Making It Local Executive Group	Martin Wale
Meeting House Arts Centre, Ilminster	Val Keitch
Stop Line Way Steering Group	Andrew Turpin

## 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.*

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