

Area North Committee – Appointment of Members to Outside Organisations and Groups for 2022/2023 (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

That Area North Committee consider appointing members to the outside organisations and groups for 2022/2023, as detailed in Appendix A.

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. 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

Council Plan 2020 – 2024 – Council Values:

Getting things done - Empowering dedicated and flexible employees and elected members focussed on delivery.

Working collaboratively - Working with partners to enhance outcomes for our 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 184 (Agenda item 10), District Executive, 1 May 2014
- Minute 8, Area North Committee, 26 June 2019
- Minute 23, Area North Committee (Informal), 14 July 2021

Appendix A

Area North Outside Organisations and Groups – Appointments to be considered for 2022/2023

Organisation / Group (Lead officer contact)	Number of Council Reps. (& existing rep).	Aims & Objectives	Frequency of Meetings	Existing status of representative
Somerset Levels and Moors Local Action Group Executive Board	1 (Gerard Tucker)	To support the delivery of a local economic development programme for the Somerset Levels and Moors. More info at: http://levelsandmoors.somersetleader.org.uk/	About 6 – 8 per year	Full Member
Langport Abattoir Liaison Group	2 (at least 1 must be the ward member) (Clare Paul & Tiffany Osborne)	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 per year	Observer / consultative only
Martock Community Planning Partnership <i>(Note – there is a report regarding this organisation earlier on the agenda.)</i>	1 (Louise Clarke)	To own the Martock Vision and monitor delivery of the Martock Local Community Plan.	Quarterly	Full Member
Huish Episcopi Leisure Centre Board	2 (Tim Kerley & Crispin Raikes)	Management Company for Huish Episcopi Leisure Centre.	Approx. 5	Full member