

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Planning, Policy and Improvement)

Report to Inner East Area Committee

Date: 24th October 2013

Subject: Area Chairs Forum Minutes

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

1. This report formally notifies Members of the decision made by Full Council that Area Chairs Forum minutes should be considered by Area Committees as a regular agenda item at Area Committee meetings.
2. The report also includes background information regarding the Area Chairs Forum meetings.

Recommendations

3. The Inner East Area Committee is asked to note the contents of the report and to consider the minutes from the Area Chairs Forum meetings at this and future Area Committee Meetings.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to formally notify Members that the minutes of Area Chairs Forum meetings will be brought to Area Committee meetings as a regular agenda item, and to give a brief overview of the Area Chairs Forum meetings.

2 Background information

- 2.1 Area Chairs Forum meetings take place on a bi-monthly basis and are chaired by the Deputy Leader of Council and Executive Member for Neighbourhoods, Housing and Regeneration.
- 2.2 Meetings are attended by the ten Chairs of the Area Committees, the Assistant Chief Executive (Planning, Policy & Improvement), the three Area Leaders and the Neighbourhood Services Co-ordinator in Leeds Initiative.
- 2.3 Agenda items focus on issues relating to services delegated to Area Committees, future delegations of services, locality working and any other issues that can be influenced by, or have an impact on, Area Committees.

3 Main issues

- 3.1 Following recommendations by the General Purposes Committee, Full Council approved on 26th May 2011 that minutes of the Area Chairs Forum meetings should be considered by Area Committees, and that this should be a regular agenda item for Area Committee meetings.
- 3.2 Area Chairs Forum minutes will only be available to be considered by Area Committees once they have been agreed as an accurate record by the subsequent Area Chairs Forum meeting.
- 3.3 Attempts will be made to include Area Chairs Forum minutes in papers issued prior to Area Committee meetings, however due to some tight deadlines between meetings, it may be necessary to table the minutes at certain Area Committee meetings.
- 3.4 The Area Chairs Forum meeting dates and times for 2013/14 are as follows:
 - 28th June 2013 11:00 – 13:00 Room 4 Civic Hall
 - 6th September 2013 14:00 – 16:00 Room 4 Civic Hall
 - 11th October 2013 14:00 – 16:00 Room 4 Civic Hall
 - 25th November 2013 13:30 – 15:30 Room 4 Civic Hall
 - 20th January 2014 13:30 – 15:30 Room 1 Civic Hall
 - 7th March 2014 10:00 – 12:00 Room 1 Civic Hall
 - 2nd May 2014 10:00 – 12:00 TBC, Civic Hall

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

4.1.1 There has been no need to publicly consult on the inclusion of Area Chairs Forum Minutes on Area Committee agendas; however the matter has been discussed by the General Purposes Committee.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

4.2.1 There are no equality and diversity issues in relation to this report.

4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

4.3.1 The inclusion of Area Chairs Forum minutes on Area Committee Agendas is a revision to the Area Committee Procedure Rules within the Constitution agreed by full council on 26th May 2011.

4.4 Resources and Value for Money

4.4.1 There are no resource implications as a result of this report.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 There are no legal implications or access to information issues. This report is not subject to call in.

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 There are no risk management issues relating to this report.

5 Conclusions

5.1 Full Council has approved the recommendations of the General Purposes Committee to include the Area Chairs Forum minutes as a regular item at future Area Committee meetings.

6 Recommendations

6.1 The Inner East Area Committee is asked to note the contents of the report and to consider the minutes from the Area Chairs Forum meetings at this and future Area Committee Meetings.

7 Background documents

7.1 None