



Report of the City Solicitor

Report to Inner East Community Committee

Date: 17th July 2014

Subject: Appointment of Co-optees to Community Committees

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Burmantofts & Richmond Hill; Killingbeck & Seacroft; Gipton & Harehills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input 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 outlines proposals regarding the appointment of co-optees onto the Community Committee.

Recommendations

2. The Community Committee is requested to approve the appointment of those co-optees named within the report for the remainder of the municipal year, in order to support the work of the Committee.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report seeks to gain approval of the appointment of co-optees to the Community Committee for the remainder of the municipal year.

2 Background information

- 2.1 In considering this issue, the committee are invited to have regard to the following rules associated with Community Committee co-optees:

- 2.2 Article 10 of the Constitution states that by resolution Community Committees may appoint or remove non-voting Co-opted Members who may participate in the business of the Community Committee'.

- 2.3 The relevant Community Committee Procedure Rules state that:

Co-optees

4.2 Co-opted members may participate in the debate in the same way as Elected Members.

4.3 No co-opted member shall be appointed for a period beyond the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

Voting

4.5 Elected Ward Members are entitled to vote in relation to all business transacted at Community Committee meetings.

4.6 Co-optees are non-voting members of the committee.

4.7 In the event of an equality of votes, the Chair will have a second, or casting, vote.

- 2.4 Co-opted members therefore shall be appointed annually. It should be noted that the Procedure Rules do not preclude further appointments being made throughout the Municipal Year, but that any co-optee appointment does not extend beyond the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

- 2.5 Co-opted members may participate in the debate in the same way as Elected Members, but will be non-voting members of the Committee.

- 2.6 With regard to participation on financial matters, in line with Section 102(3) of the Local Government Act 1972, the procedure rules state that, 'Co-optees will not ...participate in business of the committee which regulates or controls the finance of the area'. This would preclude co-optees participating on matters such as Wellbeing funding applications for example.

3 Main issues

- 3.1 Previously, the East Inner Area Committee received nominations for co-option from the following Community Leadership Teams or Forums for the 2013/14 Municipal Year:
- Burmantofts & Richmond Hill Community Leadership Team
 - Killingbeck & Seacroft Community Leadership Team

- Gipton Community Leadership Team
- Harehills Forum

3.2 The following community representatives were co-opted onto the former East Inner Area Committee for 2013/14:

- Imran Khan – Harehills Forum
- Rod Manners – Killingbeck & Seacroft CLT
- Grace Mangwanya – Gipton CLT
- Philip Rone - Burmantofts & Richmond Hill CLT
- Denise Ragan – Burmantofts & Richmond Hill CLT

3.3 At the time of writing the report the following formal nominations have been received:

- Sue Lynch – Burmantofts & Richmond Hill CLT
- Philip Rone – Burmantofts & Richmond Hill CLT
- Rod Manners – Killingbeck & Seacroft CLT

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 This report provides Community Committee Members with the opportunity to formally consider the possible appointment of co-optees to the Committee for the remainder of the municipal year.
- 4.1.2 The provision of co-opted representatives on Community Committees enables representatives of the local community to engage in the Committee's decision making process.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.1 In considering the appointment of co-optees, Members may wish to give consideration to ensuring that any co-options are representative of the community that the Community Committee covers.

4.3 Council policies and City Priorities

- 4.3.1 Co-opted representation on Community Committees, which enables representatives of the local community to engage in the decision making process is in line with the Council's Policies and City Priorities.

4.4 Resources and value for money

- 4.4.1 There are no implications arising from this report in respect of resources or value for money.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

- 4.5.1 In line with the Council's Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rules, all decisions taken by Community Committees are not eligible for Call In.

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 There are no implications in respect of risk management arising from this report.

5 Conclusions

5.1 Given the provisions within the Constitution regarding the appointment of co-opted representatives to Community Committees, the Community Committee is invited to determine the appointment of co-optees for the remainder of the municipal year.

6 Recommendations

6.1 The Community Committee is requested to

6.2 Approve the appointment of those co-optees named within paragraph 3.3 of the report for the remainder of the municipal year, in order to support the work of the Committee.

6.3 Note that any further appointments proposed throughout the Municipal Year will be reported to the Community Committee for approval.

7 Background documents¹

7.1 There are no Background Documents associated with this report.

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¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.