

Report of: City Solicitor

Report to: Inner East Community Committee - Burmantofts & Richmond Hill; Gipton & Harehills; Killingbeck & Seacroft.

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For decision

Appointment of Co-optees to Community Committees

Purpose of report

1. Further to the report presented to the June Inner East Community Committee meeting, this report provides Members with the current position in respect of the appointment of co-optees to the Community Committee for the duration of the 2015/2016 municipal year.

Main issues

2. In considering this issue, the committee is invited to have regard to the following rules associated with Community Committee co-optees:
3. 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.
4. The relevant Community Committee Procedure Rules state that:
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.
6. No co-opted member shall be appointed for a period beyond the next Annual Meeting of the Council.
7. 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 (the) 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.

Options

8. Previously the Inner East Community Committee received nominations for co-option from the following Community Leadership Teams (CLT) or Forums:
 - Burmantofts & Richmond Hill Community Leadership Team
 - Killingbeck & Seacroft Community Leadership Team
 - Gipton Community Leadership Team
 - Harehills Forum (now defunct)
9. At the June meeting, Members confirmed their support for the continuation of appointing co-optees to the Community Committee.
10. Since the June meeting, the Gipton CLT has been disbanded and the Communities Team (East North East) is looking to establish a new mechanism for co-option from Gipton.
11. At the time of writing this report, due to staff changeover in the ENE Communities Team, the remaining Community Leadership Teams have not yet met and no formal nominations have been received. However, dates for the following CLTs have been established and nominees for Co-opted members will be considered at these meetings:
 - Killingbeck & Seacroft CLT – 15th October 2015
 - Burmantofts & Richmond Hill CLT – 28th September 2015
12. A further report will need to be presented to formally approve any nominations received for co-opted members for the remainder of the 2015/16 Municipal Year

Corporate considerations

a. Consultation and engagement

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.

The provision of co-opted representatives on Community Committees enables representatives of the local community to engage in the Committee's decision making processes.

b. Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

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

c. Council policies and city priorities

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.

d. Legal implications, access to information and call in

In line with the Council's Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rules, the power to Call In a decision does not extend to those taken by Community Committees.

Conclusion

13. Given the provisions within the Constitution regarding the appointment of co-opted representatives to Community Committees, the Community Committee is invited to consider the continuing appointment of co-optees for the duration of the 2015/16 municipal year.

Recommendations

The Community Committee is invited to:

- a) To note the current position in respect of the appointment of co-optees to the Community Committee and the intention to present a further report to the next appropriate meeting to formally approve any nominations received for co-opted members for the remainder of the 2015/16 Municipal Year.

Background information

- **Not Applicable**