

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. This report invites Members to give consideration to appointing co-optees to the Community Committee for the remainder 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 or Forums:
 - Burmantofts & Richmond Hill Community Leadership Team
 - Killingbeck & Seacroft Community Leadership Team
 - Gipton Community Leadership Team (now defunct)
 - Harehills Forum (now defunct)
9. Since the June committee meeting the Gipton Community Leadership Team has been disbanded and the Communities Team (ENE) is still looking to establish a new mechanism for a co-option from Gipton.
10. Members are invited to give consideration to the continuation of appointing co-optees to the Community Committee.
11. In doing so, Members are asked to note that the following formal nominations have been received and to consider their respective appointments as co-optees to the Community Committee for the remainder of the municipal year:
12. The Burmantofts & Richmond Hill Community Leadership Team met on 29th September. Those present at that meeting agreed by a show of hands that Phil Rone and Sue Lynch should be formally nominated as co-optees for Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, in a continuation of the previous arrangements.
13. The Killingbeck & Seacroft Community Leadership Team met on 15th October. A nomination for a co-optive member was received, however there was an expression of interest from another resident at this meeting who requested some further information about the role of a co-optee before making a decision on whether to put their name forward. The decision was therefore taken that the CLT could not make a formal nomination until that expression of interest had been explored fully. A nomination for a co-optee for Killingbeck & Seacroft has therefore not been received.

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

14. 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 Burmantofts and Richmond Hill for the remainder of the municipal year.

Recommendations

The Community Committee is invited to:

- a) Approve the appointment of those co-optees named within paragraph 12 of the report for the remainder of the municipal year, in order to support the work of the Committee.

Background information

- **Not Applicable**