

**Report of: City Solicitor**

**Report to: Inner East Community Committee**

**(Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, Gipton & Harehills, Killingbeck & Seacroft wards)**

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**For decision**

## **Appointment of Co-optees to Community Committees**

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### **Purpose of report**

1. This report invites Members to give consideration to appointing co-optees to the Community Committee for the duration of the 2016/2017 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):
  - Burmantofts & Richmond Hill CLT
  - Killingbeck & Seacroft CLT
9. Members are invited to give consideration to the continuation of appointing co-optees to the Community Committee.
10. In doing so, Members are asked to note that, at the time of writing this report, only the Burmantofts & Richmond Hill CLT has met and made nominations. Members are invited to give consideration to the possible appointment of the following nominees as co-opted members of the Community Committee for the duration of the 2016/17 municipal year:

Mr Phil Rone - Burmantofts & Richmond Hill CLT

Mr Robert Field - Burmantofts & Richmond Hill CLT

No formal nominations have been received from the Killingbeck & Seacroft CLT which is yet to meet. Additionally, no formal nominations are likely from either Gipton or Harehills in the absence of a representative body to appoint one.

11. Should the Community Committee confirm that it wishes to continue to appoint co-optees, then it is intended that a further report will be presented to a future meeting as required to formally approve any further 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**

12. 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 duration of the 2016/17 municipal year.

**Recommendations**

13. The Community Committee is requested to approve the appointment the following proposed co-optees for the duration of the 2016/17 municipal year, in order to support the work of the Committee.

- Mr Phil Rone - Burmantofts & Richmond Hill CLT
- Mr Robert Field - Burmantofts & Richmond Hill CLT

14. The Community Committee is requested to note the intention to present a report to a future meeting as required to formally approve any further nominations received for co-opted members for the remainder of the 2015/16 Municipal Year

**Background information**

- **Not Applicable**