



Report of the Chief Officer, Democratic and Central Services

West Outer Area Committee

Date: 8th July 2011

Subject: Co-optees to the Outer West Area Committee

Electoral Wards Affected:

Calverley & Farsley
Farnley & Wortley
Pudsey

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Council
Function

Delegated Executive
Function available
for Call In

Delegated Executive
Function not available for
Call In Details set out in the
report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report outlines the proposals for the appointment of co-optees onto the Outer West Area Committee.

1.0 Background

1.1 Under Article 10 of the Constitution, there is provision for Area Committees to appoint up to 5 non-voting co-opted members to support the work of the Committee. Co-opted members can participate in debates but have no voting rights.

2.0 Main Issues

2.1 The Outer West Area Committee, since its inception, has supported local people to represent the area and to contribute expertise and experience to the Committee's deliberations, for example through their involvement in business, the voluntary sector, with young people and with faith organisations.

2.2 The Outer West Area Committee has been served recently by three co-optees; Liz Navin-Jones (representing the business sector), Reverend Kingsley Dowling (representing the faith sector) and Howard Bradley (representing youth issues).

2.3 Given that no co-opted member can be appointed for a period beyond the next Annual Meeting of the Council, this report seeks ratification of those co-optees. The Area Management Officer has received confirmation from Liz Navin-Jones that she wishes to continue in her role as co-optee. Confirmation has not yet been received from Reverend Kingsley Dowling or Howard Bradley. However, the Chair and vice Chair of the Outer West Area Committee have indicated that they would wish to see all existing co-optees continue their service if they are happy to do so.

3.0 Implications for Council Policy & Governance

3.1 Co-optees assist Area Committees in their decision making process, by contributing to debates in Committee (specifically around narrowing the gap, community cohesion and equality and diversity), and by adding their professional expertise.

4.0 Legal & Resource Implications

4.1 There are no legal and resource implications other than utilising the provision under Article 10 of the Constitution to appoint co-optees.

5.0 Conclusions

5.1 As the Outer West Area Committee is currently served by 3 co-optees, the Reverend Kingsley Dowling, Howard Bradley and Liz Navin Jones who have provided excellent support to the Committee there is no reason not to continue with their support.

6.0 Recommendations

6.1 The Outer West Area Committee is requested to approve the appointment of the above mentioned co-optees, to support the work of the Area Committee.

Background Papers

Council Constitution