

Report of the Chief Officer (Democratic and Central Services)

Report to North West (Outer) Area Committee

Date: 17th June 2013

Subject: Appointment of Co-optees to Area Committees

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Adel & Wharfedale, Guiseley & Rawdon, Horsforth, Otley & Yeadon	<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 a co-optee onto the Area Committee.

Recommendations

2. The Area Committee is requested to approve the appointment of the co-optee 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 a co-optee to the Area Committee for the remainder of the municipal year.

2 Background information

- 2.1 The Area Committee Procedure Rules state that each Area Committee may select up to five co-opted members to assist in the discharge of the Committee's role, in accordance with Article 10 of the Constitution.
- 2.2 Co-opted members may participate in the debate in the same way as Elected Members, but have no voting rights.
- 2.3 No co-opted member shall be appointed for a period beyond the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

3 Main issues

- 3.4 There has been a request from the Chair of the Outer North West Area Committee to have a representative from West Yorkshire Police as a co-optee, given the Area Committee interest and the priority given to community safety issues within the outer north west area.
- 3.5 This would enable a Police Representative to comment on all relevant aspects of Area Committee business, ensuring crime and anti-social behaviour is given due consideration in the outer north west area.
- 3.6 The Outer North West Neighbourhood Policing Team has specific local knowledge on community safety issues therefore it is recommended the Inspector of the Neighbourhood Policing Team be co-opted as a member of the area committee.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 This report provides Area 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 Area 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 Area Committee covers.

4.3 Council policies and City Priorities

- 4.3.1 Co-opted representation on Area 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 Area 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 Area Committees, the Area Committee is invited to determine the appointment of a co-optee for the remainder of the municipal year.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 The Area Committee is requested to approve the appointment of the co-optee named within the report for the remainder of the municipal year, in order to support the work of the Committee.

7 Background documents¹

- 7.1 There are no Background Documents associated with this report.

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.