

**Report of: City Solicitor**

**Report to: Inner West Community Committee (Armley, Bramley & Stanningley, and Kirkstall)**

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## **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



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**

10. 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**

11. The Community Committee is requested to approve the appointment of those proposed co-optees, as named within the report, for the duration of the 2016/17 municipal year, in order to support the work of the Committee.

## **Background information**

- **Not Applicable**