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Report of the Director of Environment and Neighborhoods

East (Inner) Area Committee

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Subject: Community Consultative Forums

Electoral Wards Affected: All Inner East wards	Specific Implications For:
	Equality and Diversity x
	Community Cohesion x
Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)	Narrowing the Gap x
Council Delegated Executive Function Function available for Call In	X Delegated Executive Function not available for Call In Details set out in the report

Executive Summary:

This report provides the Area Committee with the minutes available from the last cycle of Community Consultative Forums.

The report also provides the Area Committee with an update on elections at the Forums to select a representative co-optee to sit on the Area Committee for the next municipal year.

1.0 PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

1.1 The purpose of the report is the keep the Area Committee informed about the business and issues discussed at the latest cycle of Consultation Forum meetings.

2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Area Committee has 5 local consultation forums which meet quarterly and are chaired by Councilors as approved at Area Committee each year.
- 2.2 Annual elections are held at each forum to agree a representative to sit on the Area Committee as a non-voting co-optee for the municipal year ahead.

3.0 MAIN ISSUES

- 3.1 Attached as appendices are the unapproved minutes of the following forum meetings available in time for this Area Committee meeting:
 - a) Appendix A contains the notes from the Burmantofts Forum meeting of 27.11.07.
 - b) Appendix B contains the notes from the Richmond Hill Forum meeting of 3.12.07.
 - c) Appendix C contains the notes from the Killingbeck and Seacroft Forum meeting of 17.12.07.
 - d) Appendix D contains the notes from the Harehills Forum meeting of 10.12.07.
 - e) Appendix E contains the notes from the Gipton Forum meeting of 17.1.08.
- 3.2 To ensure that the Area Committee co-opted members can start to represent their Forums at the very beginning of the new municipal year, elections were held during this meeting cycle to identify people keen to take this function on.
- 3.3 The newly elected co-opted members who will take up their posts in the new municipal year are:
 - Killingbeck and Seacroft Mick Dodds
 - Harehills shared between Graham Moore and Jamil Khan
 - Gipton the forum failed to elect a co-opted member. The current position holder undertook to provide a paragraph describing his experiences as an Area Committee co-optee to encourage participation
 - Burmantofts the elections will be held at the next meeting on 4th March 2008
 - Richmond Hill the elections will be held at the next meeting (date yet to be agreed)

4.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL POLICY AND GOVERNANCE

4.1 The forums are a part of the Councils community engagement agenda

5.0 LEGAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no legal implications. Any resource implications are covered by the Wellbeing budget.

6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 The Area Committee are asked to note:
 - (a) the minutes provided for each Forum meeting.
 - (b) the progress at each Forum on agreeing a co-optee representative for the new municipal year