
Report of the Chief Officer (Democratic and Central Services)

Report to West Inner Area Committee

Date: 26th June 2013

Subject: Appointment of Co-optees to Area Committees

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Armley , Bramley and Stanningley	<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 co-optees onto the Area Committee.

Recommendations

2. The Area Committee is requested to approve the appointment of those co-optees 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 co-optees 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

- 3.1 The Inner West Area Committee appoints two co-optees per ward, elected by members of the ward forums.
- 3.2 Elections for co-optees took place at the Armley forum on 21st May and at the Bramley and Stanningley forum on the 13th June. The following co-optees have been elected to serve on the Inner West Area Committee in 2012/13:

Armley Ward : Hazel Boutle and Eric Bowes

Bramley & Stanningley Ward : Kevin Ritchie and Karen Smales

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 co-optees for the remainder of the municipal year.

6 Recommendations

6.1 The Area Committee is requested to approve the appointment of those co-optees 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 None.

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.