

Area East Committee Working Groups and Outside Organisations – Appointment of Members 2017/18 (Executive Decision)

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Purpose of the Report

As the Council has entered a new municipal year, the Committee is asked to review its appointments to outside organisations and working groups within Area East, having regard to the policy on the Roles and Responsibilities of Councillors appointed to Outside Bodies, which was adopted by District Executive on 1st May 2014.

Recommendations

The Committee is asked to:

1. Review and appoint members to serve on the groups and panels for the municipal year 2017/18
2. Review and appoint members to the outside organisations as set out in the report.

Area East Panels and Working Groups

The following table shows the internal working groups, and their memberships, appointed by this Committee for the municipal year 2016/2017. The Committee is asked to review and agree the memberships of each of the groups for 2017/18.

Working Group	Number of Councillors to be appointed and frequency of meetings	Representation 2016/2017
None		

Outside Organisations

Members are now asked to review and appoint members to the outside organisations for 2017/18, having regard to the adopted policy

Organisation	Number of Councillors to be appointed and frequency of meetings	Representation 2016/2017
Dimmer Liaison Group	1 - twice a year	Nick Weeks
Henstridge Consultative Committee	2 - twice a year. In addition to this, the Chairman of Area East Committee will be required to chair all Consultative Committee meetings for 12 months upon completion of s106 for Henstridge Airfield (Relating to planning application 15/04069/FUL)	William Wallace 1 Vacancy

Organisation	Number of Councillors to be appointed and frequency of meetings	Representation 2016/2017
Heart of Wessex Local Action Group	1 – executive meets bi-monthly	Mike Lewis

Financial Implications

None for the Area East Committee as a direct result of this report.

Council Plan Implications

There are several of the Council's Corporate Focuses which encourage partnership working with local groups, including:-

- Work in partnership to deliver investment and development that local people value with particular emphasis on Yeovil and Chard;
- Work with partners to contribute to tackling youth unemployment;
- Work with partners to combat fuel poverty;
- Ensure, with partners, that we respond effectively to community safety concerns raised by local people and that the strategic priorities for policing and crime reduction in South Somerset reflect local needs;
- Work with and lobby partners to help communities to develop transport schemes and local solutions to reduce rural isolation and inequalities to meet existing needs of those communities.

Carbon Emissions and Climate Change Implications

None

Equality and Diversity Implications

Full consideration to equalities was given in producing the Policy on the Roles and Responsibilities of Councillors appointed to Outside Bodies.

Background Papers

Minute 16, Area East Committee, 12 June 2013

Minute 10, Area East Committee, June 2014

Minute 184, District Executive, 1 May 2014

SSDC Policy on the Roles and Responsibilities of Councillors appointed to Outside Bodies.

Minute 40, Area East Committee, 14th July 2016
