

Strode College Community Education Advisory Committee – Appointment of a Member (Executive Decision)

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Purpose of the Report

To seek an appointment from SSDC to the Strode College Community Education Advisory Committee.

Public Interest

The Strode College Community Education Advisory Committee is an advisory committee to the Board of Governors. The Committee reviews and promotes the development of the College's work with adult students and its role in supporting community work.

In the past South Somerset District Council has appointed a councillor to the Strode College Community Education Advisory Committee and this decision is made by the Area North Committee.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to appoint one member to serve on the Strode College Community Education Advisory Committee for the remainder of the municipal year 2015-16.

Background

At Area North Committee in June 2015, the appointment of members to outside bodies was discussed. It was agreed at that meeting to defer making an appointment to the Strode College Community Education Advisory Committee, to ascertain if a full appointment was necessary or whether a liaison member would be acceptable. It was also questioned if there would be any conflict of interests if Councillor Page were to possibly be that liaison member.

Strode College has since confirmed that they would like to continue with a formal appointment from SSDC to the Strode College Community Education Advisory Committee, and they feel Cllr Stephen Page (as a college employee) would have a conflict of interest.

The Terms of Reference for the Advisory Committee is attached as Appendix A.

The dates of the Community Education Advisory Committee meetings for 2015/2016 are as follows (all at 5.30pm on a Wednesday): 14 October 2015, 24 February 2016 and 18 May 2016.

Financial Implications

None from this report. SSDC does not contribute financially to Strode College. Should a member be appointed there is the possibility of a small cost associated with mileage to the meeting venue.

Council Plan Implications

Focus Four – Health and Communities – Actions include: Maintain and enhance the South Somerset network of leisure and cultural facilities... and ... Ensure that the strategic priorities of the Somerset Health and • Well-Being Board reflect local needs. The role of the Strode College Community Education Advisory Committee includes a remit which reflects both actions.

Carbon Emissions and Climate Change Implications

None from this report.

Equality and Diversity Implications

The role of the Community Education Advisory Committee includes the monitoring of equality and diversity issues including adult education and provision for students with learning difficulties and disabilities.

Background Papers: *Minute 14, Area North Committee - 24 June 2015.*
