

Area North Committee – Appointment of Members to Outside Organisations and Groups for 2019/20 (Executive Decision)

Director: Netta Meadows, Strategy & Commissioning
Specialist: Angela Cox, Specialist (Democratic Services)
Lead Officer: Becky Sanders, Case Services Officer (Support Services)
Contact Details: becky.sanders@southsomerset.gov.uk or 01935 462596

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 North, having regard to the policy on the Roles and Responsibilities of Councillors appointed to Outside Bodies (adopted by District Executive on 1st May 2014).

Recommendation

That Area North Committee appoint members to the outside organisations and groups for 2019/20, as detailed in Appendix A.

Outside Organisations and Groups

The organisations and groups to which representatives are requested to be appointed by the Area North Committee for 2019/20 are indicated in Appendix A. The list of organisations was reviewed by Area North Committee in November 2013 and recommendations were made towards the final policy on the Roles and Responsibilities of Councillors appointed to Outside Bodies, which was adopted by District Executive on 1st May 2014.

Members are now asked to review and appoint members to the outside organisations for 2019/20, having regard to the adopted policy.

Financial Implications

None for Area North Committee. Mileage claimed by councillors (across the district) attending meetings of outside bodies to which they are appointed is approximately £1,000 per annum and is within the existing budget for councillors travelling expenses held by Support Services. There may be a small saving resulting from any decision to reduce the number of SSDC appointed outside bodies, however, a number of councillors do not claim any mileage for their attendance at these meetings.

Council Plan Implications

There are several of the Council's Corporate Aims which encourage partnership working with local groups.

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 184 (Agenda item 10), District Executive, 1 May 2014
 - Minute 13, Area North Committee, 23 May 2018
-

Appendix A

Area North Outside Organisations and Groups – Appointments to be considered for 2019/20

| Organisation / Group (Lead officer contact) | Number of Council Reps. (& Rep last year). | Aims & Objectives | Frequency of Meetings | Existing status of representative |
|--|---|---|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Somerset Levels and Moors Local Action Group Executive Board | 1 (Gerard Tucker) | To support the delivery of a local economic development programme for the Somerset Levels and Moors. More info at: http://levelsandmoors.somersetleader.org.uk/ | About 6 – 8 per year | Full Member |
| Langport Abattoir Liaison Group | 2 (at least 1 must be the ward member) (Clare Paul & Derek Yeomans) | To provide a forum for liaison between the operating companies, the communities of Huish Episcopi and Langport and the local Authorities and other agencies responsible for the regulation of the site. | About 2 per year | Observer / consultative only |
| Martock Community Planning Partnership | 1 (Graham Middleton) | To own the Martock Vision and monitor delivery of the Martock Local Community Plan. | Quarterly | Full Member |
| Huish Episcopi Leisure Centre Board | 2 (Gerard Tucker & Crispin Raikes) | Management Company for Huish Episcopi Leisure Centre. | Approx. 5 | Full member |