

Area South Committee – 4<sup>th</sup> June 2014

## 10. Area South Committee Working Groups and Outside Organisations – Appointment of Members 2014/15 (Executive Decision)

*Assistant Director: Ian Clarke, Assistant Director – Legal & Corporate Services*  
*Service Manager: Angela Cox, Democratic Services Manager*  
*Lead Officer: Jo Boucher, Democratic Services Officer*  
*Contact Details: jo.boucher@southsomerset.gov.uk or (01935) 462011*

### 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 South, having regard to the policy on the Roles and Responsibilities of Councillors appointed to Outside Bodies, which was adopted by District Executive on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014 attached as Appendix B.

### Recommendations

The Committee is asked to:

- (1) agree whether to re-establish the internal working groups and panels as listed in the report;
- (2) appoint members to serve on these groups and panels for the municipal year 2013/14;
- (3) review and appoint members to the outside organisations as set out in the report.

### Area South Panels and Working Groups

The following table shows the internal working groups, and their memberships, appointed by this Committee for the municipal year 2013/2014. The Committee is asked to decide whether to re-establish the groups for the new municipal year and agree the memberships of each of the groups.

Organisation	Representatives 2013/2014	Lead Officer	Frequency of meetings
Community Safety Area South Community Forum	Tony Lock Ian Martin	Kim Close	Quarterly
Princes Street Improvement Group	John Vincent Chainey Peter Gubbins Ian Martin	Chereen Smith	Ad hoc
Yeovil Town Centre Audit Group	Tony Fife Marcus Fysh Tony Lock Pauline lock Ian Martin Gina Seaton Peter Seib Andy Kendall	Marie Ainsworth	Ad-hoc

Princes Street Steering Group	Peter Gubbins Ian Martin Wes Read John Vincent-Chainey	Chereen Smith	Ad-hoc
Dorcas House Steering Group	Tony Fife	Kim Close	Ad-hoc
Youth Provision in Area South Group	Cathy Bakewell Ian Martin	Natalie Ross	Ad-hoc

### Outside Organisations

The organisations and groups to which representatives have been appointed by this Committee are set out below. Members will be aware that they reviewed this list of organisations in October 2013 and made several recommendations towards the final policy on the Roles and Responsibilities of Councillors appointed to Outside Bodies, which was adopted by District Executive on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014 attached as Appendix B.

Members are now asked to review and appoint members to the outside organisations for 2014/15, having regard to the adopted policy. Further information is attached at Appendix A.

Organisation	Representation 2013/2014	Representation 2014/2015
Abbey Community Association	John Richardson	
Birchfield Community Association	David Recardo	
John Nowes Exhibition Foundation	Peter Seib	
South Somerset Disability Forum	Vacant	
South Somerset MIND	Cathy Bakewell (substitutes Peter Gubbins & Marcus Fysh)	
William Ruddock Almshouse Trust	Gina Seaton	
Wyndham Trust (Yeovil)	Marcus Fysh	
Yeovil Crematorium and Cemetery Joint Committee	Nigel Gage Graham Oakes David Recardo	
Yeovil in Bloom Gardeners Market Steering Group	Dave Greene	
Yeovil Sports Club Board of Management	Pauline Lock	
Yeovil Town Team	Tony Fife	
Preston School Strategic Management Group	Ian Martin Wes Read	

Please note Peter Gubbins, Area South Portfolio Holder: and Yeovil Vision and Community Safety is representative on the Yeovil Vision Board.

### Financial Implications

None for Area South Committee. Mileage claimed by Councillors attending meetings of outside bodies to which they are appointed is approximately £1,000pa and is within the existing budget for Councillors travelling expenses held by Democratic 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 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 15, Area South Committee, 5 June 2013

Minute 184, District Executive, 1 May 2014

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

---