

Area West Committee Outside Organisations - Appointment of Members 2019/20 (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 the appointment of its members to serve on outside organisations within Area West, 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 review and appoint members to the outside organisations as set out in the report.

Outside Organisations

The organisations which representatives have been appointed by this Committee are set out below. Members will be aware that they reviewed this list of organisations 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 1st May 2014.

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

Organisation	Representation 2018/19
A Better Crewkerne & District (ABCD)	Mike Best
Blackdown Hills AONB	Martin Wale
Chard and District Museum Society	Amanda Broom
Crewkerne Heritage Centre	Marcus Barrett
Ile Youth Centre Management Committee (Iminster)	Val Keitch
Iminster Forum	Carol Goodall
Meeting House Arts Centre, Iminster	Carol Goodall
Stop Line Way Steering Group	Andrew Turpin

(Names highlighted in bold are no longer serving Councillors on Area West Committee).

Financial Implications

None for the Area West 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 SSSC 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 14, Area West Committee, 19 June 2013

Minute 184, District Executive, 1 May 2014

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