

WARDS AFFECTED:
Aspley, Bilborough, Leen Valley.

ITEM No

WEST AREA COMMITTEE
11 JANUARY 2006

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION ON THE WEST AREA COMMITTEE

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report asks members to agree to the format for representation of local people on the West Area Committee through the Chairs of Tenants and Residents Associations (TRAs).

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that members agree to the representation of three Tenants and residents Association Chairs from each ward.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Area Committees have historically strived to ensure appropriate representation of local communities at their meetings. In the past, Area Committees have had co-opted representatives selected through a variety of methods.
- 3.2 Members of the committee are keen to ensure that local people are given every opportunity to participate fully in consultation on service developments. It is for this reason that in the West Area the Chair of this committee meets on a bi-monthly basis to consult with Chairs of Tenants and Residents Associations (TRAs).
- 3.3 The meeting agenda is structured in such a way as to enable local people to raise any issues of concern within their neighbourhoods. The Chair, Area Co-ordinator and the Administrator for the West Area attend these meetings and record any concerns so that relevant departments and organisations can be contacted to seek resolutions. The Chair has insisted that these should not involve officers unless they are requested to attend for specific reasons. The TRA Chairs have been consulted about the arrangements for these meetings and are fully supportive of the Chair.
- 3.4 The TRA meetings are scheduled to take place two weeks prior to the West Area Committee meetings so that any issues raised can be added to the West Area Committee agenda.
- 3.5 It was suggested at the TRA Chairs meeting that three representatives should be put forward from each ward to attend Area Committee. However, it was agreed that this would be reviewed after approximately one year.
- 3.6 The representation of TRA Chairs is in addition to local people attending at the behest of local partnerships such as the Broxtowe Partnership Trust or Aspley Partnership.

4 PROPOSALS

- 4.1 It is proposed that members agree to the representation of local communities through the co-option of TRA Chairs to Area Committee.

4.2 It is proposed that members acknowledge the representation of local people can be achieved in a variety of ways and the recommendations of this report are complimentary to existing arrangements.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

6 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

6.1 This area committee is fully committed to representing the views of all communities living in the West Area and to overcome all obstacles to consultation and access to services.

7 STRATEGIC AIMS

7.1 This report will contribute towards the following strategic aims:

- Ensuring Local Involvement In Decision Making
- Making Nottingham A Safer City
- Creating A More Attractive Place To Live And Work

8 BEST VALUE

8.1 Best Value Principles will be considered and adopted and will be achieved through working in partnership with local communities to provide opportunities for engagement and contribution to decision making.

9 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION

(1) Minutes of West Area Tenants and Residents Association Chairs 18 October 2005.

10 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

None.

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