

AREA 4 COMMITTEE – ARBORETUM, DUNKIRK AND LENTON AND RADFORD AND PARK - SEPTEMBER 23rd 2015

Title of paper:	AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES	
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Other colleagues who have provided input:		
Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)		
Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:		
Cutting unemployment by a quarter		<input type="checkbox"/>
Cut crime and anti-social behaviour		<input type="checkbox"/>
Ensure more school leavers get a job, training or further education than any other City		<input type="checkbox"/>
Your neighbourhood as clean as the City Centre		<input type="checkbox"/>
Help keep your energy bills down		<input type="checkbox"/>
Good access to public transport		<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham has a good mix of housing		<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham is a good place to do business, invest and create jobs		<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham offers a wide range of leisure activities, parks and sporting events		<input type="checkbox"/>
Support early intervention activities		<input type="checkbox"/>
Deliver effective, value for money services to our citizens		x
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
<p>The report invites the Area Committee to formally appoint Community Representatives from the Arboretum, Dunkirk and Lenton and Radford and Park Wards onto the Area 4 Committee as required by the Terms of Reference for the role of Area Committee Community Representatives.</p> <p>Local organisations are invited annually to nominate a representative to the Area Committee. The role of the community representative and the procedure for accepting nominations is outlined in Appendix and list of nominations is presented in Appendix 2.</p>		
Recommendation(s):		
1	That the Area Committee formally <i>note the appointments of</i> Area Committee Community Representatives from the Arboretum, Dunkirk and Lenton and Radford and Park Wards as highlighted in Appendix 2, to the Area Committee for the municipal year 2015/2016.	

1. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 The Council's constitution requires Area Committees to formally confirm Community Representatives at the start of the municipal year and encourage citizens living in the ward to become involved in the democratic decision making process alongside Councillors.

2. BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 Each year the Area Committee invites nominations from relevant groups and organisations and appoints representatives from the wards. Nominations are attracted from groups that are active in the area, but there is also the need to ensure that the Committee reflects the views of all sectors of its community.
- 2.2 The role of the Community Representatives on an Area Committee has been designed to bring citizens living in the area in question into the democratic decision making process alongside Councillors.
- 2.3 The revised Terms of Reference for the role of Area Committee Community Representatives include guidance on the selection and the role of the Community Representative and is designed to help achieve reflective representation of the ward.
- 2.4 The Council's constitution requires Area Committees to confirm community representatives at the start of each municipal year, normally a meeting in May and the Neighbourhood Development Officers have been liaising with local community groups in advance of this meeting.
- 2.5 Nomination forms were sent out along with the Terms and References to groups and organisations on the basis that it provides a geographical representation of the ward.
- 2.6 Completed nomination forms and expression of interest for Community Representatives onto the Area 4 Committee for this municipal year were received from groups and community organisations and these are listed in Appendix 2

3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 None

4. FINANCE COMMENTS (INCLUDING IMPLICATIONS AND VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

- 4.1 That the Area Committee set aside a small budget for the payment of travel and care costs for Community Representatives

5. LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT COMMENTS (INCLUDING RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES, AND LEGAL, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT AND PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS)

- 5.1 None

6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The appointment of community representatives will provide an opportunity for voluntary groups to be part of the area committee process alongside the views of the elected representatives which will help to promote a level of discussion, debate and decision making to reflect the views of the wider area 4 community

7. **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION**

None

8. **PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT**

None