

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Chief Executive

Community Participation Committee

Wednesday 14 December, 2011

Subject: Community Participation Committee (CPC) – Rota Membership Places

1. Purpose

- 1.1** The report informs committee members about arrangements to refresh the rota places as the current rota members have been on the committee for the agreed timescale of two years.

2. Background

- 2.1** The Committee Membership as per standing orders is as follows:

“The membership of the Community Participation Committee is composed of 10 Members of the Council and representatives of local community based organisations. Community representation is by means of:-

- West Dunbartonshire Access Panel - 1 place
- West Dunbartonshire Community Council Forum – 2 places
- West Dunbartonshire Community Care Forum (Health) – 1 place
- West Dunbartonshire Minority Ethnic Association – 1 place
- West Dunbartonshire CH&CP, Public Partnership Forum PPF – 1 place
- Seniors – 1 place
- Tenants & Residents Associations – 2 places
- West Dunbartonshire Citizens Advice Service (Money Advice/Poverty) - 1 place
- Gingerbread Scotland (Lone Parents) - 1 place.
- Neighbourhood Forums (Bellsmyre and Faifley – one place each) – 2 places
- 2 places are available on a rotational basis for additional individual groups which express an interest in involvement.
- Community Forums (Clydebank, Dumbarton and Vale of Leven – one place each) 3 places

- 2.2** It should be noted, in relation to the above, that Faifley Neighbourhood Forum has ceased to operate and Gingerbread Scotland is no longer represented on the committee.

- 2.3** The rota places are due to be refreshed as the current rota members have been on the committee for the agreed timescale of two years.

3. Main Issues

3.1 The 2 places which are on a rotational basis are currently allocated to Clydebank Crime Prevention Panel and Clydebank Women's Aid. They have now fulfilled the two year period and the places have been offered to interested groups on the community group database.

3.2 Seven groups/organisations have intimated interest as follows:

- Renton Community Development Trust
- Mill of Haldane Community Association
- West Dunbartonshire Mental Health Forum
- Clydebank Asbestos Group
- Bankie Talk
- The Richmond Fellowship Scotland
- Dumbarton Credit Union

3.3 Dumbarton Credit Union has had a rota place just prior to the current two year period (2007-2009). Since this is so, it may be preferable to select from the other six groups/organisations.

3.4 The two places will be selected by a draw at this December meeting of the CPC.

3.5 The regular full review and evaluation of the CPC is due in 2012 and will also cover membership.

3.6 The minute of the last CPC contains a recommendation to Council to introduce a place on the committee for representation of young people's views and issues.

4. People Implications

4.1 There are no people implications.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are no additional financial implications

6. Risk Analysis

6.1 There are no risks attached to this report.

7. Equalities, Health & Human Rights Impact Assessment (EIA)

7.1 While this report does not in itself raise any equalities issues, it is important that the committee community membership reflects the diversity of our communities, so as to further equal opportunities. This should be given further consideration in the fuller review to take place in 2012.

8. Strategic Assessment

- 8.1** Maintaining active membership of the CPC contributes to the Fit for Purpose Services Strategic Priority, by supporting community engagement.

9. Conclusions and Recommendations

- 9.1** Committee members are asked to agree that the draw should take place from the six groups/organisations who haven't previously had a place on the committee.
- 9.2** The representatives of the current rota places are invited to draw for one place each (or alternative community representatives, if they are not present).
- 9.3** Once the ballot has taken place the names of the successful groups or organisations will be recommended to Council in the CPC minute as members of the Committee.

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Appendices: None

Background Papers: Community Participation Committee –Membership Update, Wednesday 19th October, 2011

Wards Affected: All wards