

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services

Council: 24 June 2009

Subject: Community Participation Committee – Review of Membership of the Committee

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To seek Council's agreement to Standing Order changes in respect of the membership of the Community Participation Committee.

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
- 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.

Standing Orders note that at the time these places were allocated to Dumbarton Credit Union and Ben View Resource Centre. Current members are Clydebank Crime Prevention Panel and Clydebank Women's Aid.

Standing Orders also contain a specific provision that the committee will review its arrangements for input from the Community Planning Partnership in the light of the new community planning structures which are planned for development during 2007.

A report went to the Community Participation Committee meeting on 21 January 2009 outlining arrangements for reviewing committee membership. At that stage the Community Participation Committee recommended to Council that the committee include the following space for community forums:-

- Community Forums (Clydebank, Dumbarton and Vale of Leven – 1 place each) – 3 places

The recommendation of the Community Participation Committee was approved by Council in February 2009 albeit that standing orders have not yet been changed to take account of this.

Further consultation has been undertaken by the Community Participation Committee with community forums and members. As a result of this no further changes to the committee membership are proposed.

3. Main Issues

3.1 While Council in February 2009 approved the recommendation of the Community Participation Committee that their membership should include 3 places for community forums, standing orders have not been formally changed to incorporate this change. There will be no need to suspend standing orders to deal with this matter as the present standing orders specifically note that there was to be a review of the membership of the Community Participation Committee.

3.2 The following changes to standing orders are proposed:-

Standing Orders Part 2 Appendix 3 (c) paragraph 1.1 add under membership:

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- Community Forums (Clydebank, Dumbarton and Vale of Leven – 1 place each) – 3 places

Delete the following paragraphs:-

“the committee will review its arrangements for input from the Community Planning Partnership in the light of the new committee planning structures which are planned for development during 2007.

And delete the paragraph detailing the identifying of Members currently appointed on a rotational basis, as this changes from time to time.

4. Personnel Issues

4.1 There are no personnel issues.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are no financial implications.

6. Risk Analysis

6.1 There are no risks which require to be considered.

7. Conclusions and Officer Recommendations

7.1 The recommendation is that following the work undertaken by the Community Participation Committee to review its members and in light of the Council decision in February 2009 to approve the committees recommendation to include 3 places for community forums, that Council amends its standing orders to finalise the membership of the Community Participation Committee.

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Appendices: No appendices

Background Papers: Community Participation Committee 21 January 2009 – Review of Membership of the Committee
Community Participation Committee 20 May 2009 – Review of Membership of the Committee

Wards Affected: ALL