

RWB&C Area Board 16 June 2021

Appointment of Area Board Lead Councillors

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. To appoint lead Councillor representatives for the Area Board. This will include appointing to Outside Bodies and to reconstitute and appoint to Working Groups for the year 2021/22.

2. Background

- 2.1. Area Boards are invited to appoint Councillors to be their respective lead for particular themes, Outside Bodies or Working Groups. The following guiding principles are in place for Councillors who take a role as an Area Board lead:
 - To be the main Area Board point of contact for local Officers within their respective lead area
 - To attend (and often Chair) relevant sub-groups of the Area Board
 - To work collaboratively with relevant local partners and community groups
 - To provide regular updates back to the Area Board in relation to their lead area
- 2.2. The Area Board is invited to appoint Councillor lead representatives to the Outside Bodies listed at **Appendix A**. These appointments will continue for the duration of Councillors' terms of office, unless the Board determines otherwise.
- 2.3. The Area Board is also invited to reconstitute the Working Groups set out in **Appendix B**, with the Terms of Reference set out at **Appendix C**, and to make appointments to these groups.
- 2.4. Similarly, the Area Board is invited to appoint a named Older Persons and Carer Champion to work with the Area Board and Health and Wellbeing Group for 2021/22 (if applicable).

3. Main Considerations

- 3.1. In 2010 all Area Boards appointed Community Area Transport Groups (CATGs), which operated as informal working groups making recommendations to the Area Board for approval. Terms of Reference are set out in Appendix C.
- 3.2. Some Area Boards have a Local Youth Network (LYN) to facilitate positive activities for young people in the community area. Terms of Reference are set out in Appendix C.

- 3.3. Some Area Boards have also established working groups to consider and facilitate the development of Health and Wellbeing Centre proposals. Where these have Terms of Reference it is for the Area Board to determine and amend where required.
- 3.4. From 2015, Area Boards have been able to establish a local Health and Wellbeing Group to consider health and wellbeing priorities in their local area. These groups are sub-groups of the Area Board and their Terms of Reference can be found in Appendix C.
- 3.5. A key role within the Health and Wellbeing Group is that of the local 'Champion' who works with the Area Board to address priorities for older people and carers, further details on this role can be obtained on request from the officer named on this report.
- 3.6. Area Boards may have established other working groups to consider and address local issues. Where these have Terms of Reference, this is for the Area Board to determine and amend where required.

4. Financial and Resource Implications

- 4.1. None.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1. Some appointments carry responsibilities and duties, for example, those which involve becoming a trustee. Councillors are advised to seek advice on individual appointments if required. [Protocol 3](#) of the Council's Constitution sets out Guidance to Members on Outside Bodies.

6. Safeguarding Implications

- 6.1 Processes are in place to ensure Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks are undertaken as appropriate.

7. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

- 7.1 None.

8. Equality and Diversity Implications

- 8.1 None.

9. Delegation

- 9.1 By convention, appointments to Outside Bodies which operate within the boundary of a community area are made by the relevant Area Board.

9.2 The appointment of Councillors and other representatives to working groups operating under the Area Board is a matter for the Area Board to determine.

10. Recommendation

10.1 The Area Board is requested to:

- a. Appoint Members as Lead representatives to Outside Bodies as set out at Appendix A;
- b. Agree to reconstitute and appoint to AB Themed Areas and the Working Group(s) as set out in Appendix B; and
- c. Note the Terms of Reference for the Working Group(s), as set out in Appendix C.

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Appendices:

Appendix A – Appointment to Outside Bodies

Appendix B – Appointment of Lead Members to Themed Areas and Working Groups

Appendix C – Terms of Reference for Working Group(s)

Unpublished background documents relied upon in the preparation of this report

None.