

IMPLEMENTATION EXECUTIVE
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NOMINATIONS FOR AREA PLANNING COMMITTEES
IN THE PRE-ELECTION PERIOD

Executive Summary

On 13 November 2008 the Implementation Executive considered a report outlining options in constituting area planning committees and the legal requirements in appointing members to serve on them, both in the pre-election period from 1 April until the elections in June 2009, and for the new Council.

As set out in detail in paragraph 3 of the report, the IE agreed that for area planning committees in the pre-election period that political proportionality be waived, and that instead in West Wiltshire, North Wiltshire and Kennet areas, the current members of the District Council Development Control Committees be asked to serve as co-opted members on the Area Planning Committee for their area; and that Salisbury District Council be asked to nominate between 12 and 15 members of their current Area Committees, which have development control responsibilities, to be co-opted to serve on one Area Planning Committee for the whole of the Salisbury area.

This further report asks the IE to formally co-opt members who have confirmed that they are willing to serve on the relevant planning committees during the pre-election period. The IE will have to specify by resolution the name of each individual concerned.

Proposal

That the Implementation Executive co-opt individual current district councillors to serve on their respective area planning committees in the pre-election period as listed in paragraph 5 of the report.

Reason for Proposal

Planning committees will have to be constituted for the pre-election period from April to June 2009 to continue to deliver a development control service.

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Purpose of Report

1. This report asks the Implementation Executive to formally co-opt members who have confirmed that they are willing to serve on their relevant planning committees during the pre-election period from April to June 2009. The IE will have to specify by resolution the name of each individual member concerned.

Background

2. On 13 November 2008 the Implementation Executive considered a report outlining options in constituting area planning committees and the legal requirements in appointing members to serve on them, both in the pre-election period from 1 April until the elections in June 2009, and for the new Council.
3. Subject to the Local Government (Structural Changes) (Transitional Arrangements) (No. 2) Regulations 2008, the Implementation Executive agreed that for area planning committees in the pre-election period the political proportionality be waived, and that instead
 - (i) in West Wiltshire, North Wiltshire and Kennet District Council areas, the current members of the District Council Development Control Committees be asked to serve as co-opted members on the Area Planning Committee for their area with the existing terms of reference and geographic responsibility; and
 - (ii) Salisbury District Council be asked to nominate between 12 and 15 members of their current Area Committees, which have development control responsibilities, to be co-opted to serve on one Area Planning Committee with the existing terms of reference but with geographic responsibility for the whole of the Salisbury District Council area.
4. The district councils subsequently confirmed with their development control committee members if they would like to continue to serve on their respective committees during the pre-election period. The individual councils' nominations can be found below.

Main Considerations for the Implementation Executive

5. Single development control committees are currently in operation in the West Wiltshire, North Wiltshire and Kennet district council areas and the following members have been nominated to serve on an area planning committee in the pre-election period:
 - a) West Wiltshire District Council

Alford, Philip
Binding, David
Bolwell, David

Bryant, Andrew
Burden, Veronica
Carbin, Trevor
Clark, Ernie
Denison-Pender, Georgie
Fortescue, Virginia
Fuller, Peter
Griffiths, Mark
James, Tom MBE
March, Chris
Martindale, Isabel
Mounde, Michael
Newbury, Christopher
Parks, Bill
Repton, Janet

b) North Wiltshire District Council

Banks, Katharine
Crisp, Christine
Doubell, John
Doubell, Sylvia
Greenaway, Geoff
Henning, Ross
Jones, Tudor
Marston, Elaine
Phillips, Andy
Sanderson, Ray
Sturgis, Toby
Thomson, John
Trotman, Tony
Wannell, Chris

c) Kennet District Council

Beard, Kenneth
Brown, Philip
Dobson, Stewart
Duck, Tony
Findlay, Susan
Gamble, Richard
Grundy, Lionel
Howard, Charles
Humphries, Chris
Kunkler, Jerry
Mayes, Laura
Parsons, Ray
Rawlins, Gretchen
Seed, Jonathon

6. Salisbury District Council currently operate four area planning committees and were asked to nominate between 12 and 15 members of their current committees

to serve on one area planning committee covering the entire current Salisbury District area in the pre-election period. The nominations are:

d) Salisbury District Council

Britton, Richard
Brown, Dennis
Dalton, Brian
Draper, Ted
Edge, Peter
Fowler, Mike
Hewitt, Mike
Hill, Cheryl
McLennan, Ian
Roberts, Andrew
Rycroft, Bryan
Sample, Paul
Spencer, Catherine
Walsh, John
West, Ian

Environmental Impact of the Proposal

7. None.

Equality and Diversity Impact of the Proposal

8. Continuing with four area planning committees during the pre-election period improves accessibility to the decision-making process.

Risk Assessment

9. Using existing qualified and experienced district council members ensures continuation of the development control service and should reduce the risk of any decisions being re-viewed at a later stage.

Financial Implications

10. The Members Remuneration Panel will shortly consider the issue of allowances for co-opted members of the district councils who are asked to continue to serve in the pre-election period.

Legal Implications

11. Planning committees have to be constituted for the pre-election period from 1 April 2009 to June 2009 in order to discharge the Council's responsibilities in relation to development control. The proposed arrangements are made in accordance with paragraphs 15-17 of the Local Government (Structural Changes) (Transitional Arrangements) (No. 2) Regulations 2008, which came into force on 28 November 2008.

Conclusion

12. After the Implementation Executive formally co-opted individual current district members to area planning committees, the development control service can be continued in the pre-election period.
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Background Papers

The following unpublished documents have been relied on in the preparation of this report: None.