

WIRRAL COUNCIL

WIRRAL WEST CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE

30TH OCTOBER 2013

SUBJECT:	COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES
WARD/S AFFECTED:	WARDS WITHIN THE WIRRAL WEST CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARY: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ GREASBY, FRANKBY AND IRBY▪ HOYLAKE AND MEOLS▪ PENSBY AND THINGWALL▪ WEST KIRBY AND THURSTASTON▪ UPTON AND WOODCHURCH
REPORT OF:	HEAD OF NEIGHBOURHOODS AND ENGAGEMENT
KEY DECISION?	NO

1.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

1.1 The report to Cabinet of the 23rd May 2013 setting out the proposed operating model for neighbourhood working referred to each Constituency Committee having a number of community representatives and that the nomination of these community representatives would be a matter and decision for each Constituency Committee.

1.2 As mentioned in the previous report relating to the Terms of Reference, on 14th October 2013, Council made the following provision for community representatives to be co-opted to the Constituency Committees, i.e.:

“That each of the Constituency Committees be authorised to appoint up to a maximum of six community representatives on a co-opted basis.”

1.3 This report sets out an update on progress in respect of selecting community representatives for the Wirral West Constituency Committee.

2.0 PROGRESS IN RESPECT OF SELECTING COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

2.1 Working with Voluntary and Community Action Wirral, the Council advertised and circulated information requesting applications in respect of becoming a community representative on the Committee. The deadline for the submission of applications was extended further to feedback from the local community as to ensuring that residents and groups were fully aware of the opportunity.

2.2 A number of applications were subsequently received in respect of becoming a community representative on the Wirral West Constituency Committee.

2.3 Councillors met to discuss the next steps following the receipt of these applications and recommended that, in the interests of fairness and taking into account that the Committee is at an early stage in its development, representatives should be selected on the basis of one per electoral ward.

2.4 Further to this, a process is being implemented for ward councillors to undertake informal interviews with prospective community representatives using a consistent set of questions and scoring approach, supported by the Constituency Manager. This will enable councillors to make their recommendations to the wider committee as to the selection of a community representative for each ward. On the basis of these recommendations, it is proposed that community representatives are formally co-opted at the next meeting of the Constituency Committee scheduled for the 17th December.

3.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

3.1 Community representatives and the wider voluntary, community and faith sector will be integral to constituency working.

4.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS

4.1 This report has no resource implications.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This report has no legal implications.

6.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

6.1 A Phase 1 EIA has been completed for the Neighbourhood Working Model and this can be found at <http://www.wirral.gov.uk/my-services/community-and-living/equalitydiversity-cohesion/equality-impact-assessments/eias-2010/corporateservices>

7.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

7.1 This report has no carbon reduction implications.

8.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

8.1 This report has no planning and community safety implications.

9.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 Constituency Committee members are asked to:

- Note the progress that has been made in respect of selecting community representatives for the Wirral West Constituency Committee;
- Agree that formal co-option of community representatives takes place at the next meeting of the Constituency Committee in December.

10.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

10.1 The recommendation at 10.1 is in respect of taking forward the functions of the Wirral West Constituency Committee in respect of co-opting community representatives.

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APPENDICES

N/A

REFERENCE MATERIAL

N/A

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Cabinet – Neighbourhood Working – Proposed Operating Model	23rd May 2013