



Name of meeting: District Committee – Kirklees Rural
Date: 11th September 2014

Title of report: Kirklees Rural District Committee Arrangements 2014-15

Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	N/A
Is it in the Council's Forward Plan?	N/A
Is it eligible for "call in" by Scrutiny?	Yes
Date signed off by <u>Director</u> & name Is it signed off by the Director of Resources?	Kimiyo Rickett – Assistant Director Communities & Leisure 02/09/14
Is it signed off by the Acting Assistant Director - Legal & Governance?	No
Cabinet member portfolio	N/A

Electoral [wards](#) affected: Colne Valley, Denby Dale, Golcar, Holme Valley North, Holme Valley South, Kirkburton wards

Ward councillors consulted: All

Public or private: public

1. Purpose of report

The report outlines the District committee arrangements for 2014-15.

2. Key points

2.1 Background & key points

District Committees were established following the decision taken at annual Council on 4 June 2014.

The geographical area formally covered by Colne Valley Area Committee, Holme Valley Area Committee and Denby Dale & Kirkburton wards is now covered by Kirklees Rural District Committee.

Councillors of the 6 wards (outlined above) make up the membership of the district committee. In addition it is proposed that 2 representatives from Denby Dale Parish Council, Holme Valley Parish Council, Kirkburton Parish Council and Meltham Town

Council form part of the membership, along with 4 co-opted members from Colne Valley & Golcar wards.

The district committee currently has the same delegated powers and authority as former area committees.

The Council has made a commitment to explore future development of area working with a proposal returning to Council in December. The two broad areas to be explored and agreed will be more devolved responsibility to district committees and a mechanism to devolve responsibility down to a lower level than the district committee. There are opportunities at this level to develop local engagement.

A proposal will be taken to Policy Committee in Autumn to begin a consultation relating to Council budget proposals and devolution. A decision will be made in December 2014.

Meeting arrangements

Public meetings will be held at suitable venues throughout the Kirklees Rural District Committee area. Three public meetings will be scheduled now for September 2014, November 2014 and February 2015. Additional meetings may be added if required. Meetings will take place on the second Thursday of the month where possible, and will start at 7pm. Details will be made available on the Council website and in local press.

Budget arrangements

The district committee budget is set out in the devolved budget report. Expenditure decisions will be made at public district committee meetings.

Grant Arrangements

Former area committees Colne Valley Area Committee, Holme Valley Area Committee and Kirkburton, Denby Dale & Mirfield Area Committee previously operated grant schemes.

It is proposed that the district committee will have a grants scheme awarded in accordance with corporate criteria and any additional criteria as stipulated. The priorities of the former area committees are reflected in the priorities that are proposed for the district committee to adopt this Municipal year.

The scheme details and the proposed criteria are attached.

3. Implications for the Council

The District Committee is a formal committee of the Council with delegated powers and authority.

4. Consultees and their opinions

Kirklees Rural District Committee members

Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) team - the VCS team register applicants with the Grant Access Point, and advises on corporate criteria and eligibility.

5. Next steps

The arrangements will be managed as outlined.

6. Officer recommendations and reasons

That the committee considers the arrangements as set out above and determines arrangements for this municipal year.

7. Cabinet portfolio holder recommendation

N/a

8. Contact officer and relevant papers

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