

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

Title of report: Co-opted Member Recruitment 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?	No
Date signed off by Director & name	Kimiyo Rickett Assistant Director- Communities & Leisure 02/09/14
Is it signed off by the Director of Resources?	
Is it signed off by the Assistant Director - Legal & Governance?	N/a
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 consulted

Public or private: public

1. Purpose of report

For the Committee to consider co-opted member nominations to be put forward to the full Council meeting on 1st October 2014 for decision.

2. Key points

Co-opted members have been appointed by the Council, from time to time to the former area committees. Co-optees bring specialist skills and knowledge, provide intelligence and advice on local issues, and help the Committee to engage with the wider community.

At their first business planning meeting of the 2014-15 municipal year, Kirklees Rural District Committee agreed Colne Valley and Golcar wards will recruit up to two co-optees per ward, as they do not have Town or Parish Councils in their areas.

The vacancies were advertised via a press release, facebook and direct emails during August, inviting applications from members of the public living or working in those wards.

The following applications have been received, and after consideration by the relevant ward councillors, the following individuals have been put forward:

- Jean Margetts (Colne Valley resident)
- Chris Woolnough (Colne Valley resident)
- Rob Walker (Colne Valley resident)
- Deborah Wright (Golcar resident)
- Stephan Jungnitz (Golcar resident)
- Michael Moores (Golcar resident)

The Committee is therefore asked to decide whether or not to recommend the appointment of the named individuals as co-opted members.

3. Implications for the Council

Appointing co-opted members supports community engagement and helps the District Committee to work more effectively.

4. Consultees and their opinions

All the Committee members have been consulted.

5. Next steps

The name of any co-opted member approved by the Committee will be forwarded to the meeting of full Council on 1st October 2014 for formal endorsement.

6. Officer recommendations and reasons

That the proposals are approved as set out above.

7. Cabinet portfolio holder recommendation

N/a

8. Contact officer and relevant papers

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