



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

Title of report: Kirklees Rural District Committee Membership

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 <u>Director</u> & name	Kimiyo Rickett Assistant Director- Communities & Leisure 02/09/14
Is it signed off by the Director of Resources?	No
Is it signed off by the Acting Assistant Director - Legal & Governance?	Julie Muscroft has advised on the process
Cabinet member portfolio	N/A

Electoral wards affected: Holme Valley North, Holme Valley South, Denby Dale and Kirkburton
Ward councillors consulted: All
Public or private: Public

1. Purpose of report

To consider parish council representation on the District committee for recommendation to the full Council meeting on 1st October 2014.

It is proposed that nominations are put forward to full Council for two representatives from each of the parish councils in the Rural District Committee area, except for Holme Valley parish council which is asked to provide three representatives.

2. Key points

District committees have been established using the same terms of reference for the former area committees. These terms of reference are set out in Article 10 of the Council's Constitution. A change to the membership of district committees, as set out in Article 10, was made by the Annual Council meeting on 4th June. Article 10 now states the membership is "all elected members from the relevant wards."

The Kirklees Rural District Committee geographical area comprises the wards of Colne Valley, Denby Dale, Golcar, Holme Valley North, Holme Valley South, and Kirkburton.

Formerly membership of the area committees for these areas comprised all ward councillors, and two representatives from each of the parish councils for Denby Dale, Holme Valley, Kirkburton and Meltham. In the Colne Valley and Golcar wards, in addition to all ward councillors, there were 4 co-opted members on the former area committee.

Parish/Town Council representatives and co-opted members have speaking, but not voting rights.

The Census 2011 shows that the size of the resident population total in the Holme Valley Parish Council is 27146 people. Its administrative centre is in Holmfirth. Other sizeable settlements in the parish include, Brockholes, Honley and New Mill.

The Census 2011 shows that the size of the resident population total in the Meltham Town Council is 8534 people. Meltham Town Council also includes the villages of Helme and Wilshaw.

In addition, the village of Honley set within the Holme Valley North ward, is also situated within the boundary of the Holme Valley Parish.

Mindful of above facts, Kirklees Rural District Committee therefore wishes to increase the number of Holme Valley Parish representatives from two to three to better reflect the population levels.

3. Implications for the Council

The District Committee is a formal committee of the Council. Any proposed additions to the membership of the Kirklees Rural District Committee will need to be considered at a formal meeting of the Council.

4. Consultees and their opinions

Kirklees Rural District Committee members are in support of the proposal being made for consideration and decision on 11 September.

5. Next steps

Should Councillors support above recommendation the nominations will be put forward for ratification at the formal meeting of the Council on 1st October 2014.

6. Officer recommendations and reasons

It is recommended the Committee consider the above proposals. Names put forward so far by the parish councils are –

Kirkburton Parish Council – Jimmy Paxton and Ben Wightman
Holme Valley Parish Council – Charles Kaye and Greg Christofi
Denby Dale Parish Council – to put forward
Meltham Town Council – to put forward

7. Contact officer and relevant papers

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