

## Report to Rochdale Township Committee



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Portfolio	Councillor Liam O'Rourke Cabinet Member for Corporate Services
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### **Rochdale Township Delegation Arrangements and Appointments 2018/19**

#### **Executive Summary**

1. To request the Township Committee confirm its delegated decision making arrangements and make appointments to the Township Sub-Committees, including the Chairs, Vice Chairs and substitute members; the appointment of "lead" opposition spokespersons; and the appointment to various Priority Groups and Other Township Bodies.

#### **Recommendation**

- 2.1 That the current Sub-Committee structure of the Rochdale Township Committee comprising of the Rochdale Township Action and Resources Delegated Sub-Committee and the terms of reference as at appendix 1 of the report be approved.
- 2.2 That appointments to the Membership of the Rochdale Township Action and Resources Delegated Sub-Committee be agreed in accordance with the established formula -
  - Labour - 7 seats
  - Conservatives - 2 seats
- 2.3 That the Chair and Vice Chair of the Rochdale Township Action and Resources Committee Delegated Sub-Committee be appointed.
- 2.4 That the 'lead' opposition spokespersons to the Rochdale Township Action and Resources Delegated Sub-Committee be appointed;
- 2.5 That the Substitute Members to the Rochdale Township Action & Resources Delegated Sub-Committee be appointed.
- 2.6 That the relevant Ward Councillors be appointed to the following Area Forums:-
  - a. Balderstone and Kirkholt Community Meeting
  - b. Bamford and Oakenrod Area Forum
  - c. Brimrod, Marland and Sudden Area Forum
  - d. Castleton Area Forum
  - e. Central Rochdale Area Forum

- f. Healey Area Forum
- g. Kingsway Area Forum
- h. Milkstone and Deepdish Area Forum
- i. Norden Area Forum
- j. Spotland and Falinge Area Forum

- 2.7 That Members be appointed to the following Township Bodies:-
- a. Older Person's Champion
  - b. Younger Person's Champion
  - c. Rochdale Township Clean and Green Priority Group
  - d. Rochdale Township Communities and Engagement Priority Group
  - e. Rochdale Township Members Regeneration Group
  - f. Rochdale Township Planning Panel

<b>Reason for Recommendation</b>
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3. The Council has established and appoints Township Committees that may exercise both executive and non-executive powers as set out in the Responsibility for Council Functions in Part 3 of the Constitution.

The Sub-Committee exercises either delegated powers or acts on any matter detailed in the Committee's Terms of Reference on which it is essential to take a decision.

Appointments are made, as far as is possible, in accordance with the Township Committee's political balance,

The proper appointment of Sub-Committees is required to permit the undertaking of delegated functions in accordance with statutory and procedural requirements, and appointments to Working Groups and Other Bodies are required to enable the Township Committee to undertake and to respond to the full range of issues relevant to the Township.

<b>Key Points for Consideration</b>
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- 4.1 Rochdale Township Action & Resources Delegated Sub- Committee currently exercises formal powers as detailed at Appendix 1, as the Committee for dealing with 'urgent' issues on behalf of the Township Committee and for making grant approvals and decisions on devolved budgets and Township Funds.
- 4.2
- a. The Committee has previously determined that the Township Sub-Committees comprise nine Members and that they be appointed on a politically balanced basis within Rochdale Township whilst seeking as far as possible to ensure representation for each of the Township's nine Wards.
  - b. The political balance in Rochdale Township in 2018/19 for nine Member Sub-Committees is as follows: -
    - Labour Group 21/27 x 9 = 7 seats

- Conservative Group 6/27 x 9 = 2 seats
- c. The number of substitute Members appointed to the Sub-Committee should not exceed the number of ordinary seats held by that Group on that Committee or Sub-Committee, or three Substitute Members in total.
- 4.3 Area Forums – The Township Committee appoints appropriate Ward Members to the area forums.

**Alternatives Considered**

The Committee could choose not to appoint to sub-committees and undertake all delegated functions themselves, but that this may have a detrimental impact on the ability to progress Township priorities or deal with urgent items of business.

<b>Costs and Budget Summary</b>
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5. There are no direct financial implications to this report.

<b>Risk and Policy Implications</b>
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6. The Committee is being asked to confirm its delegation arrangements to ensure that decisions are made in accordance with relevant and statutory procedural requirements. Not to appoint to the Sub-Committee and the working groups might limit member involvement in key initiatives for the Township.

<b>Consultation</b>
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7. Not required.

<b>Background Papers</b>	<b>Place of Inspection</b>
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| 8. There are no background papers to this report. |  |
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