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Portfolio	Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, Community & Culture
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## Rochdale North Township Delegation Arrangements and Appointments 2019/20

### Executive Summary

1. To request that the Rochdale North 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 other bodies.

### Recommendation

2. That the Sub-Committee structure of the Rochdale North Township Committee comprising the Rochdale North Township Action and Resources Delegated Sub-Committee and the terms of reference, as described at appendix 1 of the report be approved.

That Members are appointed to the Rochdale North Township Action and Resources Sub-Committee (including the Chair, Vice Chair and the lead opposition spokesperson); as detailed at Appendix 2 to this report.

That the relevant Ward Councillors be appointed to the following Area Forums:-

- a. Central Rochdale Area Forum
- b. Healey Area Forum
- c. Norden Area Forum
- d. Spotland and Falinge Area Forum

That Members be appointed to the following Township Bodies:-

- a. Older Person’s Champion
- b. Younger Person’s Champion
- c. Rochdale Township Planning Panel

### **Reason for Recommendation**

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

### **Key Points for Consideration**

4. Rochdale North Township Action & Resources Delegated Sub-Committee will exercise 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.
- 4.1 Area Forums – The Township Committee appoints appropriate Ward Members to the area forums.

#### **Alternatives Considered**

The Committee could choose not to appoint Sub-Committees and undertake all delegated functions themselves but this may have a detrimental impact on the ability to progress Township priorities or deal with urgent items of business. The Committee could also, if it chose to do so, adopt alternative Sub-Committee arrangements.

### **Costs and Budget Summary**

5. There are no direct financial implications to this report.

### **Risk and Policy Implications**

6. The Township Committee is requested 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	Not applicable
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