

## Report to Pennines Township Committee



Date of Meeting	12 <sup>th</sup> June 2019
Portfolio	Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, Community & Culture
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### **Pennines Township Delegation Arrangements and Appointments 2019/20**

#### **Executive Summary**

1. To request that the Township Committee confirms its delegated decision making arrangements for the 2019/20 Municipal Year and appoints Members to agreed roles including the Chairs, Vice Chairs and substitute members; and the appointment to other Township Bodies and outside bodies.

#### **Recommendation**

2. That the Sub-Committee structure of the Pennines Township Committee be confirmed comprising of the Pennines Delegated & Funding Sub-Committee, established in accordance with the Terms of Reference for the Sub-Committee as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.
  - 2.1 That all Members of the Pennines Township Committee be appointed to the Pennines Township Delegated & Funding Sub-Committee and the Chair and Vice Chair be confirmed.
  - 2.2 That the Regeneration & Facilities Service Group and Highways & Environmental Management Service Group be retained and all Members be appointed to each.
  - 2.3.. The relevant Ward Councillors be appointed to the following Ward Area Forum's:
    - a) Milnrow, Newhey and Firgrove Area Forum
    - b) Littleborough and Wardle Community Meeting
  - 2.4 That four Members be appointed to the Ellenroad Trust Limited comprising the three Ward Councillors for the Milnrow and Newhey Ward plus one other.
  - 2.5 That one Member be appointed as a representative to the MoorEnd Trust's Committee of Management.

- 2.6 That Members be appointed to the Township Planning Panel
- 2.7 That a Member be appointed to serve as the Township Older Persons Champion.
- 2.8 That a Member be appointed to serve as the Township Highways Champion.

<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.
  - 3.1 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.
  - 3.2 Appointments are made, as far as is possible, in accordance with the Township Committee's political balance.
  - 3.3 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 delegated functions to enable the Township Committee to undertake and respond to the full range of issues relevant to the Township.

<b>Key Points for Consideration</b>
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- 4. The Pennines Township Delegated Sub-Committee currently exercises formal powers as detailed at Appendix 1, as a Sub-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 The approval of Township Sub-Committee arrangements are sought on an annual basis to afford Members to opportunity to review the arrangements and confirm that they remain appropriate for effective governance and the efficient processing of Township Funds.

**Alternatives Considered**

- 4.2 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. None required.

<b>Background Papers</b>	<b>Place of Inspection</b>
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| 8. There are no background papers to this report. | Not applicable |
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## Appendix 1

### **Pennines Township Funding & Delegated Sub-Committee – Terms of Reference 2019/2020**

1. To deal with any urgent matters, on behalf of the Township Committee as detailed within Part 3, Paragraphs 8.1 and 8.2 of the Councils Constitution;
2. To monitor budgets delegated to the Township level (including Township Funds), to ensure that all requirements and restrictions placed on any devolved funding are met or are capable of being met before any decisions are made;
3. To consider and determine all applications/ proposals to the Township Funds, ensuring that all requirements and restrictions placed on any devolved funding are met, or capable of being met, before any decisions are made.