

Report to Rochdale South Township Committee



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Rochdale South Township Delegation and Appointments 2021/2022

Executive Summary

1. To request that the Rochdale South Township Committee confirm its delegated decision making arrangements and make appointments to the Township Sub-Committees, including, where appropriate, 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 South Township Committee comprising the Rochdale South 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 South 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. Balderstone and Kirkholt Community Meeting
- b. Bamford and Oakenrod Area Forum
- c. Brimrod, Marland and Sudden Area Forum
- d. Castleton Area Forum
- e. Kingsway Area Forum
- f. Milkstone and Deeplish 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
- d. Road Safety Group

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, which states that: appointments to Township Sub-Committees, Township Working Parties, Partnership Arrangements and Local Outside Bodies shall be made at the first meeting of the appropriate Township Committee in the new Municipal Year’.

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.

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. The Committee has delegated powers to make appointments to a number of other bodies as detailed in Appendix 2

Key Points for Consideration

4. Rochdale South 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.

Consultation

7. Not required.

Background Papers	Place of Inspection
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| 8. There are no background papers | Not applicable |
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