



Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

Calton Area Partnership

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Item 4

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Community Representatives on Area Partnerships

Purpose of Report:

To advise the Area Partnership on progress in appointing community representatives and potential options for filling vacant positions at Area Partnership level.

Recommendations:

The Area Partnership is asked to

- (a) note the progress in appointing community representatives to the Area Partnership; and
- (b) agree how it would wish to fill vacant community resident positions.

Ward No(s): 9

Citywide:

Local member(s) advised: Yes X No

consulted: Yes No

1. Background

- 1.1 At the meeting of the Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Strategic Board on 26 February 2013 the Governance Framework for the revised community planning structures was approved.
- 1.2 In relation to Area Partnerships, and community representation on these structures, the Governance Framework states that “No less than 4 and no more than 6 community residents from appropriate local community networks (to) be appointed in accordance with arrangements to be approved by the Strategic Board. In the first instance all community councils with at least 50% of their electorate contained in each relevant Area Partnership area will be given an automatic place, provided that they meet the appropriate qualifying criteria following a fitness for purpose assessment to ensure their competence and capability to participate in the new structures. In the event that any community council which meets the qualifying criteria has less than 50% of its electorate in one of the Area Partnership areas, the Community Council shall be invited to determine which Area Partnership it wishes to be represented upon, subject to the provision that the Community Council must be able to demonstrate the rationale for its choice. The choice of Area Partnership, once agreed, shall not be revised for the remainder of the Council term. Where there are insufficient Community Councils, discussions will be held at a Partnership meeting on the appointment of representatives from alternative community organisations.”

2. Current Position on filling of vacancies

- 2.1 As set out in the Governance Framework, Community Councils with at least 50% of their electorate contained in Calton Area Partnership and which were able to demonstrate full compliance with the Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils were written to on 21 March 2013 and invited to nominate a representative to the Area Partnership by Friday 12 April 2013.
- 2.2 All nominees validly submitted as above have been invited to the Area Partnership meeting. A verbal update of the number of vacant community positions remaining to be filled will be provided to the meeting.

3. Potential criteria for filling community representative positions other than from Community Councils

- 3.1 In recognition that not all of Glasgow is covered by functioning community councils and/or some may not be sufficiently ready to take on a role as part of these arrangements, it is suggested that in line with the Governance Framework that the Area Partnership should discuss the appointment of representatives from alternative community organisations, up to the maximum of 6 allowable i.e. including nominated community council representatives, from relevant bodies eg Tenants and Residents Associations , and/or from groups representing communities of interest .

3.2 It is suggested that Area Partnerships may wish to adopt the following criteria in selecting appropriate community representation, additional to qualifying community councils, up to the total of 6 allowable places:

- Appropriate resident or tenant associations covering an area not represented by a functioning/qualifying community council
- Where the proportion of the local ethnic population exceeds 15%, a representative from an appropriate network or group
- Other appropriate constituted community networks which are able to demonstrate good governance and a track record of representing the relevant local community

4. Summary

4.1 The context within which community representation on Area Partnerships needs to be taken forward is set out in the GCPP Governance Framework. The principal building block on which these arrangements are based is that community councils are allocated an automatic place at Area Partnership level provided they can demonstrate compliance with the Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils. The Governance Framework states that where there are insufficient Community Councils to take up the available 6 places, discussions will be held at a Partnership meeting on the appointment of representatives from alternative community organisations.

5. Council Strategic Plan Implications

Economic Impact: None

Sustainability: None

Financial: None

Legal: None

Personnel: None

Sustainable Procurement and Article 19: None

6. Recommendations

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