

7. APPOINTMENTS TO RECREATION STRATEGY SCRUTINY TEAM (A.11412/EWJ)

Purpose of the report

- 1 To appoint Members to fill vacancies that have arisen on the Recreation Strategy Scrutiny Team.

Recommendations

- 2 **That two Members, with at least one being a Councillor, be appointed to the Recreation Strategy Scrutiny Team with attendance at all meetings as an approved duty.**

How does this contribute to our policies and legal obligations?

- 3 Scrutiny Teams contribute to Corporate Outcome K1 “Ensuring value for money, sustainability and continuous improvement in the way that we deliver services”.

Background

- 4 At the Authority meeting in July 2007 (minute ref: 74/07) a scrutiny team was established to look at Recreation Strategy. The scrutiny team is chaired by Patricia Coleman and includes Pauline Beswick, Cllr Tracy Critchlow, and Cllr Irene Ratcliffe.

- 5 Two vacancies have arisen following the County Council elections. Cllr Irene Ratcliffe’s membership of the Authority has ceased as she was not re-elected to Derbyshire County Council. Cllr Tracy Critchlow has tendered her resignation from the team after accepting a Cabinet post with the County Council.

- 6 The guidelines for the appointment of Scrutiny Teams suggest that appointments should achieve a balance of members in terms of skills and knowledge and member role (e.g. Secretary of State, parishes, Councillors).

- 7 The work of the team will continue until early in 2010. The tasks to be covered between now and then are:

- to review and influence the shape and content of the Strategy before it is presented to the Authority on 31 July
- to check the arrangements being put in place for consultation
- to review the outcome of consultation and arrangements to take account of it in the final version of the Strategy
- to report to the Audit & Performance Committee at the end of the process (expected Jan. 2010)

Proposals

- 8 It is proposed that two Members be appointed to the team.

Are there any corporate implications members should be concerned about?

- 9 **Financial:**

Attendance at all meetings is an approved duty for the payment of travel and subsistence allowances

10 **Risk Management:**
There are no risks arising out of the proposal.

11 **Background papers** (not previously published) –None

Appendices - None

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