

Cheltenham Borough Council**Social and Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee -
8th June 2006****Appointment of non-voting co-opted members of the
Committee****Report of the Strategic Director (Social and Community)****1. Executive Summary and recommendation****1.1 The issue**

1.1.1 The Council's Constitution provides that each Overview and Scrutiny Committee is entitled to appoint for a period not exceeding two years up to three non-voting co-optees. With the consent of Council the Social and Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee has four non-voting co-opted members as follows:-

- Housing tenant representative (Cheltenham Federation of tenants and leaseholders)
- Arts representative (Cheltenham Arts Council)
- Youth representative (MAD)
- Disabled representative (Formerly Equals - on 1st December 2006 it was resolved by the Committee that the Disability Forum be invited to nominate a representative for the Municipal Year 2006/07)

1.1.2 At the meeting on 1st December the Committee also resolved that Council be requested to approve the appointment of an additional co-opted member of Social and Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee so that the Sports Council could be invited to nominate a representative onto the committee in light of new issues arising from the future work plan.

1.1.3 Since this meeting the Scrutiny Improvement Working Group has come up with a number of proposals for improving scrutiny including the suggestion that public participation could be increased by inviting interested parties to the meeting. Following discussion with the Chairman of this Committee it was felt that this might be a better approach for involving this organisation rather than permanent co-option onto the Committee. As such, the Sports Council would be invited as 'an expert witness' to any meeting when items specifically relating to sports provision were being considered. This way they would have an opportunity to join in the discussion without any commitment to coming along to every meeting of the Committee.

1.1.4 In accordance with the terms of the Constitution the co-opted membership of the Committee needs to be considered and the above organisations have been invited to

nominate a representative and a substitute. Nominations have been received as outlined in Appendix A attached.

1.2 I therefore recommend that the Committee:-

1.2.1 appoints the co-opted members and substitutes as set out in Appendix A

1.2.2 invites the Sports Council as 'an expert witness' to any meeting when items specifically relating to sports provision are being discussed.

1.3 Summary of implications

1.3.1 Financial None

1.3.2 Legal None

1.3.3 Human Resources None

1.4 Implications on corporate and community plan priorities

1.4.1 There is no direct impact

1.5 Statement on Risk

1.5.1 There is no direct impact on the corporate risk register

Background Papers	Minutes of Social and Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1 st December 2005
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