

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North East Council Meeting:

1st August 2013

Agenda Item: 5c

**Report of North East Council
Manager.**

Appointment of Ward Alliance Members to the North East Ward Alliance

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report seeks approval for the appointment of eight Ward Alliance Members to the North East Ward Alliance.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the North East Area Council approves the eight representatives from the local community named in this report, as recommended by the North East Ward, as North East Ward Alliance Members until the end of the 2013/2014 municipal year.**

3.0 Introduction

- 3.1 This report is set within the context of decisions made on the way the Council is structured to conduct business at Area, Ward, and Neighbourhood levels (Cab 21.11.2012/6), Devolved Budget arrangements (Cab16.1.2013/10.3), Officer Support (Cab13.2.2012/9), and Communities and Area Governance Documentation (Cab.8.5.2013/7.1). The relevant changes to the Council's Constitution were agreed at the Annual Council meeting on 17th May 2013.

4.0 North East Ward Alliance Members

- 4.1 The North East Ward Councillors have received applications from community representatives who would like to become Members of the North East Ward Alliance. In line with the approved protocols, the Ward Councillors have evaluated the applications and have recommended the following individuals for approval to the Area Council. The applicants are as follows:-

Reverend Ian McCormack is the vicar of Saint Paul's Church at Brierley and Saint Luke's Church at Grimethorpe, and has a passionate commitment to making the communities as safe and welcoming as possible for people who live in them.

Sylvia Nixon is a local resident in Brierley. She is a former Town Councillor and a founder member of the Computer Research Advisory Group (CRAG), which focuses on health issues.

Patrick Ford is a local resident in Shafton. He is a former prison officer. Patrick is a member of Shafton Parish Council and of the North East Community First Panel.

Malcolm Davies is local resident in Shafton and was the Clerk to Shafton Parish Council for a number of years. He has been involved in housing and environmental issues in his local village.

Elsie Smith is a resident in Grimethorpe. Elsie is a member of the North East Community First Panel, Chair of the Grimethorpe Community Safety Group, Secretary of Grimethorpe Neighbourhood Watch, Secretary of the Grimethorpe Tenants and Residents Association, and Treasurer of the Elderly Persons Centre.

Chris Sykes is a local resident and community activist. He was a former school caretaker and has always taken an active part in village life. He is the President of the Grimethorpe Saint John's Ambulance group.

Martin Fensome is the Clerk to Great Houghton Parish Council. He has significant experience of managing sports and recreational facilities and is very interested in the local environment. Martin has been responsible for operational budgets, developing community groups, business development plans, and marketing and consultation.

Dorothy Coates is a Parish Councillor for Great Houghton and is the Youth Group Co-ordinator for the village. Dorothy has significant experience of working with young people and has worked in partnership with Councillors, officers, and local residents through her previous roles as Secretary of the Village 4 Community Partnership and a member of the Area Forum. Dorothy also has experience of completing funding bids for initiatives to improve the facilities in the village.

- 4.2 This brief summary of the applicants' backgrounds and skills clearly highlights the Ward Councillors' aim to get a skills and equalities balance, while at the same time ensuring that the applicants are enthusiastic and committed to the new arrangements.

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