



Basingstoke Canal Joint Management Committee

29 June 2017

Appointment of Special Interest Groups

Purpose of the report:

To outline the procedure for the appointment of Special Interest Group (SIG) representation to the Basingstoke Joint Management Committee as co-opted Members and invite the committee to agree the appointment of co-opted Members for the period to May 2021.

Introduction:

1. This report provides information to the Committee regarding the current process relating to the selection of special interest groups appointed as non-voting co-opted Members to the Basingstoke Canal Joint Management Committee (JMC). The Committee is asked to consider whether it wishes to renew all the existing appointments or to replace one or more of these with a new special interest group from the expressions of interest received.

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2. The Memorandum of Agreement of the JMC, dated 27 February 2014, states the following under section 11 regarding the appointment of Special Interest Groups:

“The Committee currently comprises...one advisory representative each from Natural England and two from the Basingstoke Canal Society. Up to a further 5 advisory co-opted members may be appointed by the Committee from special interest groups. Representatives shall normally be co-opted for periods of four years but shall be eligible for further periods of co-option.”
3. The current co-opted membership of the Basingstoke Canal JMC and when the appointments are due to expire is detailed in **Annex 1** of this report.
4. The Committee can opt to renew the current membership of special interest groups; or opt to open up the special interest groups for reselection. Expressions of interest have been collected from all interested groups and are attached to this report.
5. In the event of the JMC deciding that the appointment of SIGs should be re-considered, the expressions of interest will be voted upon, after which the co-opted Members will serve a four year appointment from June 2017 to June

2021, excepting in extraordinary circumstances, as detailed in the constitution of the JMC.

Conclusions:

6. As per the Memorandum of Agreement, the JMC is required to take a decision as to the status of the co-opted members whose four-year co-opted period has expired.
7. The JMC can opt to renew current membership status or choose to open the SIGs for re-selection.

Recommendations:

That the Committee:

- a) Agrees the renewal of the current Special Interest Groups or;
- b) Considers the expressions of interest put forward by all interested parties and replaces one or more of the existing co-opted member with a new special interest group from the expressions of interest received.

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Sources/background papers:

Annex 1 – Current List of Co-Opted Members of Basingstoke Canal JMC
Annex 2-9 – Expressions of Interest