



Basingstoke Canal Joint Management Committee
5 June 2013

Appointment of Co-opted Members

Purpose of the report:

This report outlines the procedure for the appointment of Special Interest Group representation to the Basingstoke Joint Management Committee as co-opted members.

It asks the Committee to decide on the future membership of the co-opted members whose 4 year co-optation period has expired.

Introduction:

1. This report is intended to provide information on Basingstoke Canal Joint Management Committee's (JMC) process for appointing non-voting co-opted members from special interest groups. It then invites the Committee to consider the present arrangements and review these co-opted memberships where they have expired.

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2. The Basingstoke Canal Joint Management Committee (JMC) states the following with reference to co-opted representations under 4(v) of its Memorandum of Agreement:

"Representatives and any named deputies shall normally be co-opted for periods of 4 years but shall be eligible for further periods of co-optation."

3. The Memorandum of Agreement was altered at the meeting of the Committee on 17 October 2008 to state the following under 4(v):

"The Joint Management Committee shall co-opt 2 representatives from the Canal Society and 1 from Natural England plus up to 5 other non-voting individuals and representatives of special interest groups as necessary."

4. The current co-opted membership of the Basingstoke JMC and when the appointments are due to expire is detailed in **Annex 1** of this report. However, the membership expiry dates contained in this annex do not correspond to formally recorded decisions made by the Committee.
5. The Committee is required to consider whether to honour the dates contained within the annex or renew all the co-opted memberships for a further four years to ensure consistency.
6. If the Committee resolves to honour the dates contained within the annex then the following co-opted memberships will have expired: the Parish Councils, and the Basingstoke Canal Boating Club.
7. The Committee can decide whether those memberships are to be co-opted for a further four years, or appoint other special interest groups in their place.
8. There is also an option to reduce the number of co-opted members from special interest groups by not renewing the groups' memberships that have expired, and not appointing other groups in their place.
9. This report invites expression of interest from special interest groups, and the views of the Committee on this matter. Expressions of interest can be made to the Honorary Secretary Victoria Lower via email (victoria.lower@surreycc.gov.uk).

Conclusions:

10. 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-optation period has expired.

Financial and value for money implications

11. None.

Equalities Implications

12. None.

Risk Management Implications

13. None.

Implications for the Council's Priorities or Community Strategy

14. None.

Recommendations:

That the Committee decides whether to extend the co-opted membership of the Parish Councils and Basingstoke Canal Houseboat Owners for a further four years, or wishes to appoint other special interest groups in their place.

Next steps:

The Committee will be required to review the co-optation of special interest groups upon the expiry of each group's four year co-opted period.

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Sources/background papers: Basingstoke Canal Joint Management Committee Memorandum of Agreement: October 2008

Basingstoke Canal Joint Management Committee – Minutes from 17 October 2008

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