



Basingstoke Canal Joint Management Committee  
10 October 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 arrangements and membership of co-opted appointments.

**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.

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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 requested to consider whether to adopt a consistent approach to the appointment of co-opted memberships for four years to run concurrent with the County Council elections and to appoint up to eight members accordingly.
6. The Committee could alternatively decide to retain the current arrangements and renew expired memberships for a further four years, or appoint other special interest groups in their place.
7. 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.
8. Expressions of interest from special interest groups have been requested and can also be made to the Honorary Secretary Victoria Lower via email ([victoria.lower@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:victoria.lower@surreycc.gov.uk)).

<b>Conclusions:</b>
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9. 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**

10. None.

#### **Equalities Implications**

11. None.

#### **Risk Management Implications**

12. None.

#### **Implications for the Council's Priorities or Community Strategy**

13. None.

<b>Recommendations:</b>
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That the Committee:

1. Appoints Special Interest Groups for four year terms which run concurrent to County Council elections.

2. Renews the membership of the Basingstoke Canal Society and Natural England for a four year term.
3. Agrees the membership of up to five Special Interest Groups to the Joint Management Committee from the list of requests circulated during the meeting.

<b>Next steps:</b>
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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

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