

Cabinet – 21 March, 2018

Locality Model – Strategic Locality Partnership Boards – Recommendation from the Shadow East Strategic Locality Partnership Board

Portfolio: Councillor I. Shires (Community, Leisure & Culture)

Related portfolios: None

Service: Resources and Transformation

Wards: All

Key decision: No

Forward plan: No

1. Summary

On 18 May 2017 Cabinet made a decision to establish a new locality model which included the establishment of four Strategic Locality Partnership Boards (SLPBs). Prior to the formal approval of their terms of reference each SLPB is holding a shadow meeting between 15 March – 2 April 2018.

The East SLPB met on 20 March 2018 and has made recommendations to Cabinet to consider changing the composition of the Councillor representation on each SLPB or, if this is not agreeable, to allow a change to the Councillor representation on the East SLPB.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That Cabinet receive the recommendations of the Shadow East Strategic Locality Partnership Board and consider what action, if any, it wishes to take as a result of the recommendations.

3. Report detail

- 3.1 On 20 March 2018 the East SLPB held a shadow meeting at Aldridge Community Association. The meeting was set up to further explain the role of SLPBs and to enable the meeting to identify priorities to form a part of a Locality Plan for the area.
- 3.2 Whilst discussing the role of SLPBs the Board held a discussion about its membership. The draft SLPB terms of reference set out the wards that make up the membership of each locality and appoint all members from each ward onto the SLPB. The East locality is made up of 7 wards which means that 21 Councillors are Members of the SLPB. The East SLPB felt this would be challenging to manage effectively and resolved to ask the Cabinet to consider

reducing the Councillor representation on each SLPB to one member per ward with the exception that where there was more than one political group per ward represented then all political groups from that ward could send a representative. This was supported by Councillors and Partners present at the meeting. The East SLPB recognised that each SLPB was different so requested that if the recommendation for one member per ward was not acceptable for all areas that special dispensation be given to the East SLPB to operate in this way. The meeting also stated that consideration would be given to operating the one member per ward model informally at future meetings which could have a knock of effect of meeting the SLPB quorum of 50% of total membership with representatives from at least 3 organisations.

- 3.3 The East SLPB also discussed substitute members from partner organisations and recommend that the terms of reference be amended to state that any substitute members be of a comparable seniority to the main nomination to the SLPB in order to expedite the escalation of issues that may arise at +-meetings.
- 3.4 For completeness the draft East SLPB recommendations are:
1. That Cabinet amend the membership section of the terms of reference for Strategic Locality Partnership Boards to one member per ward or, for areas where more than one political group makes up the ward, one representative for each political group in each ward;
 2. If recommendation (1) above is not acceptable for each Strategic Locality Board then Cabinet amend the terms of reference for Strategic Locality Partnership Boards to allow the East Strategic Locality Partnership Board to operate in such a way;
 3. That Cabinet amend the terms of reference for Strategic Locality Partnership Boards to state that substitute members from partner organisations should be of a comparable seniority to the main representative.

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