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~~10.1 Appointment~~

~~10.1.1 Under s.102 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council has the power to appoint area committees to discharge the Council's functions and to assist in the delivery of the Council's vision at a local level. That vision is "Mendip – a place to be proud of – where people, communities and businesses are encouraged to achieve their potential".~~

~~10.1.2 Area committees, known as Community Partnerships, have been appointed for each of the West Mendip, Central Mendip and East Mendip areas of the Council. Information about the wards covered by each of the Community Partnerships can be obtained from the Council's web-site at www.mendip.gov.uk or by telephoning Customer Services.~~

~~10.2 Role and functions~~

~~10.2.1 The main roles of the Community Partnerships are to:~~

- ~~• Encourage access and participation by local residents in the democratic process~~
- ~~• Provide a forum for the views of local communities and act as a focus for community involvement and consultation~~
- ~~• Consult on and contribute to the development of local community plans and strategies, and monitor their implementation~~
- ~~• Work closely with other public, private and voluntary agencies in relation to matters concerning their area and appoint representatives to them as delegated by the full Council~~
- ~~• Contribute to the work of the Mendip Strategic Partnership ("MSP"), including nominating a representative from each Community Partnership to sit on the board of the MSP if invited by the MSP to do so~~

- ~~• Nominate members to outside bodies operating in their respective areas as delegated by full Council from time to time~~
- ~~• Consider, and where appropriate produce reports or recommendations, on:~~
 - ~~○ the performance of the Council's services delivered within their area~~
 - ~~○ the impact of the Council's policies and proposals within their area~~
 - ~~○ other issues of local concern or which are referred by any Council body~~

~~10.2.2 The Community Partnerships will also carry out any executive functions which may be delegated to them by the Cabinet, as set out in Section 18, Schedule 7 of this Constitution (Responsibility for Functions).~~

~~10.3 Membership~~

~~10.3.1 The membership of each Community Partnership will be made up of~~

- ~~a) all the elected members of the Council who represent wards covered by the area of that Community Partnership (including Cabinet members)~~
- ~~b) other co-opted members, who may include representatives of organisations operating within the area of the Community Partnership.~~

~~10.3.2 The Chief Executive and/or Monitoring Officer may appoint co-opted members to each Community Partnership in accordance with the recommendations made by that Partnership, but each appointment shall be subject to ratification by full Council at its next meeting.~~

~~10.3.3 By law, co-opted members may not have voting rights at meetings but are otherwise entitled to participate fully in the work of the Community Partnerships.~~

~~10.4 Meetings~~

~~10.4.1 Each Community Partnership will normally meet every two months but meetings may be cancelled at the discretion of the Chair if there is no significant business to be dealt with or for other good reason.~~

~~10.4.2 Extraordinary meetings may be called from time to time if the Chair considers that the Partnership should consider any issue before its next scheduled meeting.~~

~~10.4.3 Meetings will normally be held at a venue within the area of the relevant Community Partnership, but this may be varied at the discretion of the Chair where appropriate.~~

~~10.4.4 The Chair and Vice-Chair of each Partnership will be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Council by the elected members of that Partnership only~~

~~10.4.5 If a Community Partnership meeting is to deal with an executive function, this will be clearly stated in the agenda and notices for the meeting.~~

~~10.5 Rules of procedure~~

~~— Meetings of the Community Partnerships will be conducted in accordance with the rules for conducting meetings contained in Section 15 of the Constitution, varied as set out in 10.6 and 10.7 below.~~

~~10.6 Raising matters for debate~~

~~10.6.1 Members of the public and representatives of Parish Councils may request that a matter is placed onto the agenda of a Community Partnership for discussion and debate, under the Open Forum item on that agenda.~~

~~10.6.2 Matters raised for debate will be debated in the order notice of each of them was received, subject to the discretion of the Chair.~~

~~10.6.3 A matter may only be placed onto an agenda if notice has been given by delivering it in writing or by electronic mail to the Committee Officer no later than midday 8 working days before the day of the meeting. Each representation must give the name and address of the individual making the representation.~~

~~10.6.4 At any one meeting no person may submit more than one matter for debate~~

~~10.6.5 At the discretion of the Chair, a matter may be rejected for debate if :~~

- ~~• it is not about a matter for which the local authority has a responsibility or which affects that area of the district for which the Community Partnership has responsibility;~~
- ~~• it is defamatory, frivolous or offensive;~~
- ~~• it is substantially the same as a question which has been put at a meeting of that Community Partnership in the past six months; or~~
- ~~• it requires the disclosure of confidential or exempt information~~
- ~~• in the opinion of the Chair, it is inappropriate for any other reason for debate at a Community Partnership meeting~~

~~10.6.6 The Committee Officer will enter each matter for debate in a record open to public inspection and will immediately send a copy of the matter for debate to the Chair of the relevant Community Partnership. Reasons for rejection of any matter will be notified to the person submitting it.~~

~~10.6.7 Copies of all matters for debate will be circulated to all members of the Community Partnership and will be made available to the public attending the meeting.~~

~~10.6.8 At the Chair's discretion, members of the public, including representatives of Parish Councils and other organisations, may be invited to join in the debate of matters which appear on the agenda for a meeting. The maximum time for each speaker will normally be 10 minutes, and that part of a meeting devoted to discussion and debate on such matters will not normally last longer than 60 minutes in total.~~

~~10.7 Public participation~~

~~10.7.1 In addition to joining in debates under the provisions of 10.6 above, members of the public may, at the Chair's discretion, speak about any item on the agenda for the meeting. They may either speak during the Public Participation agenda item or before the agenda item of interest.~~

~~10.7.2 Members of the public, at the Chair's discretion, may speak during the Public Participation agenda item about any matter which is not on the agenda for the meeting. Any matters raised cannot be debated at the meeting but may be referred to a future meeting.~~

~~10.7.3 Anyone who wishes to speak at a meeting must:~~

- ~~• either notify the Committee Officer at least three hours before the start of the meeting, or~~
- ~~• complete the form which will be in, or immediately outside, the room where the meeting is going to take place and hand this to the Committee Officer before the start of the meeting.~~

~~The maximum time for each speaker is three minutes, with a maximum for all speakers on each item of 20 minutes in total.~~