



COUNCIL – 27TH JANUARY 2015

SUBJECT: GROUNDWORK WALES REPRESENTATION

REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES & S151 OFFICER

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 Caerphilly County Borough Council has been accepted onto the Groundwork Wales Board, and is now able to make one nomination to the Board, which Council is requested to nominate.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 Cabinet (12th November 2014) gave permission for officers to take appropriate steps in ensuring the merger of Groundwork Caerphilly into Groundwork Wales. Caerphilly County Borough Council has now been accepted as a Member on to the Groundwork Wales Board, and Council is requested to agree the Council's representative on the Board through its one nomination.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 The work of Groundwork links to the Greener outcome of *Caerphilly Delivers the Single Integrated Plan 2013-14*. Katy Stevenson Groundwork Caerphilly's Executive Directive (and current Acting Director Groundwork Wales) is the Lead for the Greener Outcome sitting on the Single Integrated Plan leads group.

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 At the Groundwork Wales Board meeting 28th November 2014 Caerphilly County Borough Council was accepted as a Member on to the Board of Groundwork Wales. Council is now requested to nominate one representative to sit on the Groundwork Wales Board.
- 4.2 For the time being the Groundwork Caerphilly Board will continue to meet with the following Council representatives in place:
- Cllr Mann (nominated)
 - Cllr P Cooke (nominated)
 - Cllr P Leonard (nominated)
 - Cllr Woodyatt (co-opted)

Together with:

- Phil Davy (company secretary, co-opted member on personal basis)
- Paul Cooke (advisor, CCBC)

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Equalities implications are fully taken into account by the work of Groundwork, which is based on improving life chances of local people, and improving the living environment of the borough.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The Council currently provides core funding for Groundwork Caerphilly, which for 2014-15 stands at £43,860.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Relations with Groundwork Caerphilly are managed through the Groundwork Caerphilly Liaison Group, which meets quarterly with the Acting Chief Executive Officer of Groundwork Wales. Sitting on the Liaison Group are the Council's Policy & Research Manager, Team Leader, Sustainable Development & Living Environment, and Group Manager (Strategy Funding & Support).

8. CONSULTATIONS

- 8.1 The views of the consultees commenting on the report's content have been incorporated into the report. The names of all consultees are given at the end of the report.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 For Council to nominate the representative to sit on the Groundwork Wales Board.

10. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 For the Council to have a nominated representative sitting on the Groundwork Wales Board.

11. STATUTORY POWER

- 11.1 Local Government Act 2000.

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Mr. Bryn Davies, Chair of Groundwork Caerphilly
Cllr Keith Reynolds
Cllr Robin Woodyatt
Cllr Colin Mann
Cllr Philippa Leonard
Cllr Patricia Cook
Chris Burns, Interim Chief Executive
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