



meeting	ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE	
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REPORT OF THE JOINT ACTING HEADS OF MEMBERS' SERVICES

OUTSIDE BODIES – WASTE RECYCLING ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES (WREN) ADVISORY PANEL

Purpose of Report

To seek approval for Councillor Stella Smedley, as Portfolio Holder for Environment and Sustainability, to attend meetings of the Waste Recycling Environmental Issues (Wren) Advisory Panel for Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire, and for this organisation to be added to the List of Approved Outside Bodies.

Background

The County Council makes a large number of appointments/nominations to a range of external organisations. Responsibility for those appointments, where they are in connection with County Council functions rather than with those of Cabinet, rests with this Committee.

Waste Recycling Environmental aims to enhance the social environment, natural conservation and heritage aspects of the world in which we live and create a beneficial and lasting legacy for future generations, and to raise awareness of the Landfill Communities Fund so that those organizations with eligible projects seek funding support. Most of the funding comes from the landfill tax levied by Waste Recycling Group and Yorkshire Water, and this is distributed in the form of grants to support various projects and organisations.

The membership of Advisory Panels includes people from all walks of life and from a diversity of localities, with representation from those involved with community, conservation and heritage organisations, and those who have had working experience in these areas. In addition, local people bring their invaluable local knowledge and individual skills to the project adjudication process.

All the project applications are closely examined by the Advisory Panels and their recommendations carry considerable weight when decisions on which projects to fund are taken by the WREN Board of Directors.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That Waste Recycling Environmental Issues (WREN) Advisory Panel be added to the List of Approved Outside Bodies.
- 2) That the Committee approves the attendance of Councillor Stella Smedley at meetings of the Advisory Panel for Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire.

Chris Holmes/Paul Robinson
Joint Acting Heads of Members' Services

Legal Services Comments (SLB 15.1.08)

The Committee has authority to approve appointments to outside bodies relating to functions of the Council by virtue of paragraph 8.4 of the Constitution, Delegation to Administration Committee.

Strategic Director (Resources) Financial Comments (MB 14/01/08)

There are no specific financial implications arising from the report.

Background Papers available for Inspection

None.

Electoral Divisions Affected

All