

NORTH YORKSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

17 JUNE, 2004

MEMBERSHIP OF THE FORUM

1.0	<u>PURPOSE OF THE REPORT</u>
1.1	To inform Forum members of the membership of the Forum following the retirement of some members of the Forum after the completion of its first year of operation.

2.0 MEMBERSHIP TERMS OF OFFICE

- 2.1 The Local Access Forums (England) Regulations 2002 state that a member of a Local Access Forum shall be appointed for not less than one and not more than three years. The North Yorkshire Forum decided, at its initial meeting, that in order to achieve a "rolling" renewal of its membership, it would adopt a practice whereby some members were initially appointed for one year; some for two years; and some for three years. Any new appointments, or re-appointments, would then be for three years, so that approximately one third of the members of the Forum would retire, each year, because their term of office had come to an end. The regulations also make clear that a person who ceases to be a member of a Local Access Forum can be re-appointed.
- 2.2 The members of the Forum who retired on 3 April, 2004, because their initial term of office had expired were:- Mrs Penelope Avison, David Gibson, Max Grant, Stephen Ramsden and Tom Wheelwright. The regulations state that, before appointing any member the appointing authority shall advertise the vacancy. Each of the retiring members applied to be re-appointed to the Forum and there were eight other applicants who attended the selection day, which was similar to that used for the initial establishment of the Forum and was undertaken on 28 April.
- 2.3 As a result of the recruitment process, three former members of the Forum, Max Grant, Stephen Ramsden and Thomas Wheelwright were reappointed to serve for a further three years. Mrs Penelope Avison and David Gibson were not successful in their applications for re-appointment, and Edward Flexman and Judith Ratcliffe were appointed to those places on the Forum. An amended membership list is attached which gives some brief biographical details for new members, who also have a term of office for three years.
- 2.4 In addition, County Councillor William F Barton OBE has been appointed to serve on the Forum in place of County Councillor Heather Garnett. His term of office, as with the other County Councillors on the Forum, will come to an end on 3 April 2005.

3.0	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
	That the revised membership of the North Yorkshire Local Access Forum be noted.

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