

CO-OPTION PROCESS

Recommendation:		
1. That Council consider the revised procedure set out below, as a template for the co-option process.		
	Yes	No
Does the decision involve new expenditure?		No
Is there an existing budget for the proposed expenditure (insert code)	N/A	
What procurement level is required?	N/A	
Are there equalities impacts / an equalities assessment required?		No
Does this require a full council decision? (Reports for full council decision should still be sent to the relevant committee where possible.)		No
Is there a background paper or papers? (provide links below).		No
Background		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That individuals putting themselves forward to be co-opted be required to nominate which ward(s) they wish to be co-opted for, 2. That would be co-optees be invited: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. To make a presentation to council, for no more than three minutes, on their vision for Berwick, or b. To provide a written statement of no more than 400 words on their vision for Berwick, or c. Be invited to provide a video or audio recording of themselves lasting no more than three minutes, or d. Provide a graphic representation of their vision no larger than one single sheet of A1 paper. 3. That the questioning of co-optees be restricted to the issues raised by them during their presentation, and 4. That, where there is more than one potential co-optee for a seat, an eliminating ballot be used to choose the successful candidate, with the voting numbers for each round of the eliminating ballot recorded in the minutes. 		
Issues arising from proposal		
Not applicable.		
Rationale for recommendation.		
Not applicable.		