The Scheme for Community Councils states:

In order to fulfil their responsibilities as effective and representative, community councils shall: -

. . .

Seek to broaden both representation and expertise by enlisting associate members onto the community council for specific projects/issues.

Associate Representatives

Associate representatives may be appointed by a community council where there may be a need for individuals with particular skills or knowledge. Associate representatives have no entitlement to vote, move motions or amendments or hold office. They may serve for a fixed period as determined by the community council or for the term of the community council which has appointed them. Associate representatives may include for example someone with expertise in IT, communication or environmental issues.