



## **The Member Engagement Committee**

The Member Engagement Committee is responsible for influencing and reviewing the member engagement strategy set by the Board and being implemented by management.

The Committee is also responsible for approving applications for funding made to the Society's Community Fund and has delegated this task to a Grants Panel made up of 3 committee members.

Anyone can nominate themselves provided they have been a member of the Society for at least six months and spent £100 with the Society's various businesses ending one month prior to your nomination date.

There are 9 places on the Committee and an additional 3 places for young members of the Society known as Young Co-operators. 'Young Co-operator' is defined as any member under the age of 30.

In terms of practicalities, you should be aware of the following:

- Meetings - there are four meetings a year (two in-person and two over Microsoft Teams) currently held in the evenings. This is reviewed each year to determine when best to meet
- Meeting venues – in-person meetings are normally held at the Society's Head Office in Warwick. Transport costs are reimbursed
- There may be an additional meeting with the Board of the Society once a year
- At the first meeting of the year members have the opportunity to stand for a one-year term on the Society's Environmental Steering Group and the Society's Community Fund Grants Panel
- Preparation work - papers are circulated several days in advance of each meeting
- Term of office - the term of office is 3 years
- Training - Committee members are given the opportunity to develop their skills through training courses if they wish
- Fees - Committee members are paid a fee which currently stands at £685 per year. An extra fee is also paid for those who sit on the Community Fund Grants Panel
- Other information - Committee members are invited to Society events and activities from time to time and may be asked to represent the Committee at external events
- For more information, please contact the Committee Secretary [tarra.simmons@midcounties.coop](mailto:tarra.simmons@midcounties.coop) - 07970167536.