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**Report of the City Solicitor**

**Report to Member Management Committee**

**Date: 15 September 2015**

**Subject: Local Authority Appointments to Outside Bodies**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

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**Summary of main issues**

1. This report provides an update on the current position regarding Member appointments to outside bodies and provides an opportunity seeks to confirm Member nominations to remaining vacancies or alter existing appointments.
2. There are currently a number of issues relating to outside body appointments (outlined in section 3 of the report), which the Committee is asked to consider.
3. A list of appointments made since the last meeting of Member Management Committee is also provided for information.

**Recommendations**

4. Members are asked to:
  - Consider the current position in relation to elected Member appointments to outside bodies detailed in Appendix 1;
  - Consider the vacancy on the Private Rented Sector Forum and note the position in respect of the organisations detailed in paragraphs 3.2 to 3.5 of the report

- Note the change of appointments since the last meeting of the Committee as detailed under paragraph 3.6 of this report.

## **1.0 Purpose of this report**

1.1 Further to the meeting of this Committee in July 2015, and confirmation of nominations received to date, this report:

- provides an update on the current position regarding Member appointments to outside bodies; and
- provides an opportunity to confirm Member nominations to remaining vacancies or alter existing appointments.

## **2.0 Background information**

2.1 This is the second meeting of the Member Management Committee since the Annual Meeting of Council to make Elected Member appointments to Outside Bodies. The attached schedule at Appendix 1 details the current position.

2.2 Vacancies exist on a number of outside bodies. Member Management Committee is asked to consider the vacancies detailed in Appendix 1 and make appointments to them.

## **3.0 Main issues**

### **3.1 Private Rented Sector Forum**

Member Management Committee currently appoint 7 members to the Private Rented Sector Forum and have previously agreed that the allocation would be 4 Labour , 1 Conservative , 1 Liberal Democrat and 1 MBI member.

The MBI whip has recently advised officers that his group do not wish to take up the place on this Forum and therefore in accordance with Appointment to Outside Bodies Procedure Rule 4.4 this committee is notified of this in order that consideration can be given to the filling of the vacancy.

### **3.2 Leeds College of Building**

Officers have been advised by the College that the Leeds College of Building is an independent organisation that recruits Governors according to Board vacancies and skill needs and that the local authority nominated Councillor appointment no longer applies.

The member 'appointed' in July and the relevant group whip have been informed of the situation and members are asked to note that this Outside Body has been removed from the list at Appendix 1.

### 3.3 IGEN

Officers have been advised that the IGEN Board no longer exists and therefore an appointment is not required.

The member 'appointed' in July and the relevant group whip have been informed of the situation and members are asked to note that this Outside Body has been removed from the list at Appendix 1.

### 3.4 Equality and BME Governor's Network

Officers have been advised by colleagues in the Governors Unit within Children's Services that the Equality and BME Governor's Network no longer meets and therefore an appointment is not required.

The member 'appointed' in July and the relevant group whip have been informed of the situation and members are asked to note that this Outside Body has been removed from the list at Appendix 1.

### 3.5 Leeds Mind

Officers have been advised that Leeds Mind is currently reviewing its Constitution/Management Documents and Members are advised that this may result in the change of the process of appointing to the Board, possibly meaning that a local authority nominated Councillor appointment would no longer be required.

The member 'appointed' in July and the relevant group whip have been informed of the situation and members are asked to note the position regarding this Outside Body which is still listed on the list at Appendix 1.

### 3.6 Appointments Made Since July 2015

Members are advised that since the last meeting of the Committee the following appointments have been confirmed by the Director of Resources in accordance with the Appointments to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules (4.6):

<b>Outside Body</b>	<b>Member Appointed</b>	<b>Member Replaced</b>	<b>Date</b>
Aire Valley Regeneration Board	Cllr Groves	Whips nominee	26 August 2015
Communities Board	Cllr Coupar	Cllr P Gruen	26 August 2015
Kirkgate Market Management Board	Cllr B Anderson	Cllr Cohen	26 August 2015

## **Corporate Considerations**

## **3.2 Consultation and Engagement**

3.2.1 Group Whips are consulted in relation to any appointments made outside of Member Management Committee.

## **3.3 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration**

3.3.1 There are no equality and diversity or cohesion and integration implications as a result of this report.

## **3.4 Council Policies and City Priorities**

3.4.1 Under the Appointments to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules, Member Management Committee is asked to review the list of notified Outside Bodies on an annual basis and determine whether the Council should make/continue to make an appointment to those bodies.

3.4.2 Determination is based on one or more of the following criteria being met:

- the proposed appointment is a statutory requirement;
- the proposed appointment would be consistent with the Council's policy or strategic objectives; and/or
- the proposed appointment would add value to the Council's activities.

## **3.5 Resources and Value for Money**

3.5.1 There are no resource or value for money implications as a result of this report.

## **3.6 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

3.6.1 Full Council has delegated responsibility to Member Management Committee for:

- determining which outside bodies should have Member representation and, by determining the category of each such outside body, determining how such appointments should be made; and
- making appointments to outside bodies categorised as Strategic and Key Partnership.

3.6.2 This report relates to a Council function and therefore, is not available for call-in.

## **3.7 Risk Management**

3.7.1 There are no risk implications as a result of this report.

## **Conclusions**

3.8 The current position in relation to elected Member appointments to outside bodies is detailed in Appendix 1, and vacancies exist on a number of bodies. The appointments made since the last meeting of Member Management Committee are detailed in the report.

## **Recommendations**

3.9 Members are asked to:

- Consider the current position in relation to elected Member appointments to outside bodies detailed in Appendix 1;
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- Note the change of appointments since the last meeting of the Committee as detailed under paragraph 3.6 of this report.

## **Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

None

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.