

Report of: Director of Children and Families

Report to: Inner North East Community Committee (Chapel Allerton, Moortown, Roundhay wards)

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For decision

Changes to Clusters and Appointments for 2017/2018

Purpose of report

- The purpose of this report is to update the Community Committee on the changes that have occurred within the cluster structures affecting the Inner North East Area Committee.
- To invite the Committee to make appointments to the Children's Services Cluster Partnerships, as listed at paragraph 14.

Main issues

1. Noting the changes that have occurred within the clusters
2. Appointments to Children's Services Cluster Partnerships
3. Previously, Member Management Committee has resolved that the nomination of Elected Member representatives to the local Children's Services Cluster Partnerships be designated as a 'Community & Local Engagement' appointment, and therefore be delegated to Community Committees for determination.

Children's Services Cluster Partnerships

Clusters are local partnerships that have evolved from partnerships of schools within a specific geographical area. In addition to schools the partnerships include representation from Children's Social Work Service, schools, governors, Police, Leeds City Council youth service, Youth Offending Service, Children's Centres, Housing

services, third sector, health, local elected members. Local clusters are key to the Children & Families Trust Board partnership and delivery arrangements.

4. The purpose of clusters is to:
 - enable local settings and services to work together effectively to improve outcomes for children, young people and their families;
 - build capacity to deliver early intervention, preventative and targeted services to meet local needs;
 - create the conditions for integrated partnership working at locality level;
 - promote the Children & Young People's Plan and the ambition for Leeds to be a child friendly city.
5. The value of the cluster model was confirmed by the Ofsted report, March 2015 which stated that a "well-coordinated locality and cluster approach results in early identification and extensive work with families according to need."
6. Clusters began life as extended services for schools and have grown to engage a wide range of partners who provide early help and early intervention and prevention. In April 2011, the Children & Families Trust Board and Schools Forum agreed the adoption of a minimum standard for the terms of reference across the cluster partnerships, which included elected members as standing members of the governance group for each partnership.
7. Elected Members also sit alongside a senior leader (Local Authority Partner) from the Children's Services directorate to be part of the Council's representation on each cluster partnership.
8. In June 2013 Member Management Committee delegated the nomination of Elected Member representatives to local Children's Services Cluster partnerships to Community Committees. This was with the aim of establishing a clear formal link between those Committees and Clusters. It was also with the intention of building closer working arrangements to better support the needs of children and families across the city. As a general principle it was agreed that each cluster would have two elected member representatives on their governing committee.
9. Clusters are not co-terminus with LCC ward boundaries and until September 2016 the Inner North East Community Committee covered the clusters formerly known as CHESS (Chapeltown and Harehills areas) and NeTworks (Meanwood and Chapel Allerton Areas). The Inner North East Community Committee also covers the ARM cluster (Alwoodley Roundhay and Moortown areas). The CHESS cluster is also covered by part of the Inner East Community Committee.
10. In the municipal year 2016/17 the Inner North East Community Committee were invited to nominate 1 member to the CHESS cluster (Inner East CC also nominated one member to the CHESS cluster), 2 members to the NeTworks cluster and 2 members to the ARM cluster.
11. In September 2017 the CHESS and NeTworks clusters merged to create one cluster known as 2gether. There are no changes to the geographical coverage of the new cluster, however, as a result there is now only one Joint Collaborative Committee (JCC) which is the governance model for the cluster.
12. Due to these changes the Committee is invited to nominate Members to the cluster partnerships in their area for the municipal year 2017/18. Inner East CC has also been

invited to nominate one member to the 2gether cluster and this was agreed by them at their meeting in June 2017.

13. The table below sets out the suggested numbers of representatives and ward links as a basis for discussion.

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Cluster	Number of Elected Members	Suggested Ward link
2gether	1 from Inner North East CC.	Chapel Allerton or Moortown
	1 from Inner East CC	Gipton and Harehills
ARM (Alwoodley, Roundhay & Moortown)	2 from Inner North East CC	Roundhay or Moortown

Corporate considerations

a. Consultation and engagement

This report facilitates the necessary consultation and engagement with Community Committee Members in respect of appointments to the designated positions. Given that the Community Committee is the relevant appointing body, there is no requirement to undertake a public consultation exercise on such matters.

b. Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

Council representation on Children's Services Cluster Partnerships will enable those appointed Members to act as a conduit in terms of promoting the Council's policies and priorities. As such, this would potentially include matters relating to equality, diversity, cohesion or integration.

c. Council policies and city priorities

Council representation on partnerships and organisations to which the Community Committee has authority to appoint, is in line with the Council's Policies and City Priorities.

d. Legal implications, access to information and call in

In line with the Council's Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rules, the power to Call In decisions does not extend to those decisions taken by Community Committees.

e. Risk management

In not appointing to those Outside Bodies or Cluster Partnerships listed within the report, there is a risk that the Council's designated representation on such organisations would not be fulfilled.

Conclusion

15. The Community Committee is asked to consider and determine the appointments to the 2gether cluster partnership and the ARM cluster as detailed within the report.

Recommendations

16. The Community Committee is asked to consider and confirm appointments to the following:-

- (i) Member representatives to the local Children's Services Cluster Partnerships relevant to the Community Committee, as detailed in paragraph 14 of this report.

Background information

None