



## Report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods

### Outer West Area Committee

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> July 2010

### Subject: Co-options to the Outer West Area Committee and Thematic Champions

**Electoral Wards Affected:**

Calverley & Farsley  
Farnley & Wortley  
Pudsey

Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)

**Specific Implications For:**

Equality and Diversity  x

Community Cohesion  x

Narrowing the Gap  x

Council Function

Delegated Executive Function available for Call In

Delegated Executive Function not available for Call in Details set out in the report

### Executive Summary

This report requests members to:

- approve the continuity of the current co-optees who sit on the Outer West Area Committee;
- propose new co-optees to sit on the Outer West Area Committee if necessary
- consider the appointment of thematic champions for the Outer West Area Delivery Plan 2010-11.

### 1.0 Purpose Of This Report

1.1 This report requests members to approve the continuity of co-optees who sit on the Outer West Area Committee, propose new co-optees to sit on the Outer West Area Committee if necessary. In addition, the report asks Members to consider the appointment of thematic champions for the Outer West Area Delivery Plan 2010-11.

### 2.0 Background Information

2.1 Under Article 10 of the Constitution, there is provision for Area Committees to appoint up to 5 non-voting co-opted members to support the work of the Committee. Co-opted members can participate in debates but have no voting rights.

2.2 Outer West Area Committee members have expressed the view in the past that any co-optees should be able to represent the whole area and should be able to contribute specific expertise to assist the Committees deliberations, for example,

through their involvement in business, the voluntary sector, with young people, with faith organisations or with people of disability.

2.3 The Outer West Area Committee is currently served by 3 co-optees, the Reverend Kingsley Dowling, Howard Bradley and Liz Navin Jones who have provided excellent support to the Committee.

2.4 Members agreed at the February 2008 Area Committee to endorse the principle of utilising Area Committee meetings to brief members on partnership working in Outer West Leeds. In addition, it was agreed that Members would attend each of the relevant partnership group meetings and act as a 'champion' for a specific Area Delivery Plan theme e.g.

- Harmonious Communities
- Enterprise and Economy;
- Transport;
- Culture
- Environment;
- Health and Wellbeing;
- Thriving Neighbourhoods;
- Learning.

2.5 The following Members were aligned to the themes below:

<b>Partnership Theme</b>	<b>Priorities expressed by Members</b>	<b>Champion</b>	<b>Lead Partnership Agency</b>
<b>Harmonious Communities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase participation in culture by providing a range of activities which can be used by all our communities and visitors.</li> </ul>	Cllr Joe Marjoram	Leeds Voice
<b>Enterprise, Economy and Transport</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhance the skills of the current workforce</li> <li>• Increase entrepreneurial activity in deprived areas</li> <li>• Improve the quality, use and accessibility of public transport services in Leeds</li> <li>• Reduce worklessness in deprived areas</li> </ul>	Cllr David Blackburn Cllr Lewis	Leeds Ahead
<b>Culture &amp; Environment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase recycling rates and reducing the amount of waste going to landfill</li> <li>• Reduce emissions from public sector buildings, operations</li> </ul>	Cllr Andrew Carter	Environment Action Team

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>and service delivery</li> <li>Address neighbourhood problem sites and improve cleanliness of publicly owned land</li> </ul>		
<b>Health and Wellbeing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Embed a safeguarding culture for all</li> <li>Reduce bullying and harassment</li> <li>Improve psychological and mental health services for children, young people and families</li> <li>Increase the proportion of vulnerable adults helped to live at home</li> </ul>	Cllr Josie Jarosz	PCT/Adult Services
<b>Thriving Neighbourhoods</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduce crime and the fear of crime</li> <li>Reduce anti-social behaviour</li> <li>Improve the condition of deprived neighbourhoods and centres by carrying out a programme of physical, social and economic improvements</li> </ul>	Cllr David Blackburn Cllr Ann Blackburn Cllr Lewis	Police/Safer Leeds
<b>Learning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve learning outcomes and skill levels for 19 year olds</li> <li>Narrow the gap in learning outcomes for 16 year olds</li> <li>Improve learning outcomes for 16 year olds</li> </ul>	Cllr Coulson	Children Leeds West

2.6 The relevant partnership group meetings for the themes above are:

Divisional Community Safety Partnership (covering the theme of Thriving Neighbourhoods);

Children Leeds (covering the theme of Learning);

West North West Employment, Education and Training (covering the theme of Enterprise and Economy)

West North West Health and Wellbeing Partnership (covering the theme of Health and Wellbeing).

- 2.7 The appointment to outside bodies report on this agenda, is ensuring that appropriate Member attendance is made at this meetings.
- 2.8 An exercise was carried out by Governance Services last year to collect the names of the nominated thematic Champions, with a view to ensuring that their details were passed onto the appropriate Department/agency, in order that they could issue invites to them for the relevant partnership meetings. This report seeks to check with Members that this is occurring.

### **3.0 Main Issues**

- 3.1 Given that no co-opted member can be appointed for a period beyond the next Annual Meeting of the Council, this report seeks to gain approval from the Area Committee to continue with the appointment of the current co-optees to the Outer West Area Committee.

### **4.0 Implications for Council Policy and Governance**

- 4.1 Co-optees assist Area Committees in their decision making process, by contributing to debates in Committee (specifically around narrowing the gap, community co-hesion and equality and diversity), and by adding their professional expertise.
- 4.2 The attendance of Members to thematic partnership meetings, ensures that Members are kept informed of relevant policy and guidance, which assist them in their role as Champions.

### **5.0 Legal and Resource Implications**

- 5.1 There are no legal and resource implications other than utilizing the provision under Article 10 of the Constitution to appoint co-optees.

### **6.0 Conclusions**

- 6.1 As the Outer West Area Committee is currently served by 3 co-optees, the Reverand Kingsley Dowling, Howard Bradley and Liz Navin Jones who have provided excellent support to the Committee there is no reason not to continue with their support.
- 6.2 Members should review the list of thematic Champions based on past agreement and reach a decision on whether any changes should be made to the list. In addition, Members who may not be represented below (including recently appointed Members), are invited to add their name alongside a theme if desired.

### **7.0 Recommendations**

- 7.1 Outer West Area Committee members are asked to:
- approve the continuation of the appointment of existing three co-optees;
  - propose new co-optees to sit on the Area Committee if necessary;
  - consider the appointment of thematic champions for the Outer West Area Delivery Plan 2010-11 and make changes and additions, where necessary.

**Background Papers:**

none