

**Report of the Chief Officer (Democratic and Central Services)**

**Report to North East (Outer) Area Committee**

**Date: 19<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

**Subject: Local Authority Appointments to Outside Bodies – Progress Report**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Wetherby; Alwoodley and Harewood	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input 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

**Summary of main issues**

1. This report updates the Committee on an outstanding vacancy in relation to the Area Health and Wellbeing Partnership and requests Members to give consideration to the proposals outlined in paragraph 4.1 of the report.
2. In respect of the Area Committee's role for Local Children and Young People's Plans, Members are also requested to nominate a Corporate Carer to sit on the Council's Corporate Carer Group for the 2011-12 Municipal Year.

**Recommendations**

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  - nominate a Corporate Carer to sit on the Council's Corporate Carer Group for the 2011-12 Municipal Year

## **1 Purpose of this report**

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## **2 Background information**

- 2.0 At the previous meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2011, Members considered a report outlining the procedures for Council Appointments to outside bodies, and made appointments to various Organisations.
- 2.1 Appendix 1 makes reference to an outstanding vacancy which was not filled at the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2011.
- 2.2 The body in question is the Area Health and Wellbeing Partnership

## **3 Main issues**

### **3.1 District or Area – Based Partnerships**

In November 2008, the Council's Member Management Committee agreed that Member appointments to District and Area – based Partnerships should be categorised under the Appointments to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules (see Appendix 1) as 'Community and Local Engagement' appointments, to be made by the relevant Area Committee. For governance and administration purposes, it has been decided to review these appointments annually, and details of this Committee's current appointments are set out later in the report.

At present, there are a number of area based partnership groups established as part of Leeds Initiative – the local strategic partnership. These are:

- Divisional Community Safety Partnerships
- Area Children's Partnerships
- Area Health & Social Care Partnerships
- Area Employment Enterprise and Training Partnerships

There are three of each of these theme based district partnership groups for the City, all broadly co-terminus with the three Area Management wedges of Leeds City Council. The exception to this is the Area Children's Partnerships, where there are to be five, corresponding to the former five Area Management wedges across the City.

These partnership groups have requested that each Area Committee in their patch nominate a local elected Member representative (or 'champion') to participate in the work of the partnership and act as the link between the partnership and the Area

Committee.

Local, area - based partnerships make an important contribution in determining the local actions that can be taken to support the delivery of the strategic outcomes and improvement priorities set out in the Leeds Strategic Plan. The broad commitments and actions of these local partnerships are captured in each Area Committee's Area Delivery Plan (ADP), and they are accountable to the Area Committees for these commitments. The accountability and feedback to Area Committees will be through the regular monitoring reports on each ADP and through an annual report from the partnership group to each Area Committee. The Area Management Teams will support local Member involvement and facilitate Member representatives to raise any issues at their Area Committee as appropriate. It is further proposed that the minutes of all such partnership meetings are available to all Area Committee Members.

There is an expectation that Area Committee representatives will share their knowledge and intelligence of the area, to help shape and determine the priorities and action plans of the partnerships, ensuring they are complimentary and supportive of the Area Committees' ADPs. Direct participation by elected Members on these local partnerships will strengthen the role of Members and their voice as 'community champions' within our partner agencies, and overcome any perceived 'democratic deficit' there may have been. Elected Members participation will also help build the links between local partnership working and the work of the Council through the Area Committees.

The Committee's current designated partnership representatives, or 'champions', are as follows :-

- Divisional Community Safety Partnership – **Councillor A Lamb**
- Area Children's Partnership – **Councillor A Lamb**
- Area Health and Social Care Partnership – **Vacancy**
- Area Employment, Enterprise and Training Partnership – **Councillor M Robinson**

## **4 Corporate Considerations**

### **4.1 Consultation and Engagement**

4.1.1 Not applicable under this section.

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

4.2.1 Not applicable under this section.

### **4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities**

4.3.1 Not applicable under this section.

### **4.4 Resources and Value for Money**

4.4.1 Not applicable under this section.

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

4.5.1 Not applicable under this section.

## **4.6 Risk Management**

4.6.1 Not applicable under this section.

## **5 Conclusions**

5.1.1. Not applicable under this section.

## **6 Recommendations**

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## **7 Background documents**

7.1 Local Authority Appointments to Outside Bodies – Report of the Chief Officer (Democratic and Central Services) – North East (Outer) Area Committee – 4<sup>th</sup> July 2011.