

Report of Chief Officer, Democratic and Central Services

Report to West (Outer) Area Committee

Date: 14th October 2011

Subject: 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

Summary of main issues

1. The West (Outer) Area Committee has responsibility for making Member appointments to certain outside bodies (as designated by Member Management Committee), including the Farsley Charity.
2. The current Council representatives on the Farsley Charity are the three Calverley and Farsley ward Councillors, however it has come to officers' attention that Councillor Wood's appointment to the charity has not been approved by the Area Committee.

Recommendations

3. Members are asked to ratify Councillor Wood's appointment to the Farsley Charity, for an indefinite period.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek formal ratification of Councillor Wood's appointment to the Farsley Charity.

2 Background information

- 2.1 The **Member Management Committee** has responsibilities for Council Appointments to Outside Bodies and for exercising decision making in the following areas:
 - Considering requests from all outside organisations seeking Elected Member representation;
 - Determining the category of appointment which will govern which Committee will make the appointments; and
 - Making Elected Member appointments to Outside Bodies within the Strategic and Key Partnership category.
- 2.2 Full Council has agreed that due to the large number of organisations seeking Council representation, appointments within the Community and Local Engagement Category will be considered and approved by Elected Members serving on the relevant **Area Committee**.
- 2.3 In July 2004 the Member Management Committee met to consider allocation of appointments to each Area Committee. The Farsley Charity is one of the organisations delegated to the West (Outer) Area Committee.

3 Main issues

- 3.1 The Farsley Charity was established and registered in 1971 to provide relief of the poor in the Parishes of the Farsley area.
- 3.2 Councillor Carter and former Councillor Robinson were appointed to the Farsley Charity by the Area Committee on 16th July 2004. Councillor Marjoram was appointed to the Farsley Charity by the Area Committee on 11th July 2008. All of these appointments were made for an indefinite period.
- 3.3 Former Councillor Robinson retired from the Council in May 2010, and on 9th July 2010, the West (Outer) Area Committee resolved 'That the Farsley Charity be contacted to ascertain whether ex-Councillor F Robinson is eligible to continue as a Trustee, should he wish to'.
- 3.4 However, since that resolution was made, Councillor Wood has become a trustee of the Farsley Charity, to replace former Councillor Robinson.
- 3.5 It has come to officers' attention that Councillor Wood's appointment has not been formally approved by the Area Committee, therefore this report asks Members to ratify the appointment, in accordance with the Appointments to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 Consultation is required with the West (Outer) Area Committee regarding Member appointments to the Farsley Charity. This report comprises that consultation.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

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

4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

- 4.3.1 Under the Appointments to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules, Members are appointed to bodies which meet one or more of the following criteria:
- 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.

4.4 Resources and Value for Money

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

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

- 4.5.1 This report does not contain any exempt or confidential information. This report relates to a Council function, and therefore is not available for call in.

4.6 Risk Management

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

5 Conclusions

- 5.1 It has come to officers' attention that Councillor Wood has not been formally appointed to the Farsley Charity by the West (Outer) Area Committee. Members are therefore asked to ratify this appointment.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 Members are asked to ratify Councillor Wood's appointment to the Farsley Charity, for an indefinite period.

7 Background documents

- 7.1 Appointments to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules
- 7.2 Minutes of West (Outer) Area Committee, 16th July 2004, 11th July 2008 & 9th July 2010