

Report of the Chief Officer (Democratic and Central Services)

Report to North West Outer Area Committee

Date: 18th June 2012

Subject: Local Authority Appointments to Outside Bodies

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): <i>Adel and Wharfedale, Guiseley and Rawdon, Horsforth and Otley and Yeadon</i>		
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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number:		
Appendix number:		

Summary of main issues

1. This report outlines the procedures for Council appointments to outside bodies, and the Committee is requested to consider and appoint to those bodies listed at Appendix 2 to the report

Recommendations

2. The Area Committee is asked to confirm the nominees to work with the Outside Bodies identified at Appendix 2, or agree any changes to the schedule, having regard to the Appointments to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules, as outlined in this report and as detailed at Appendix 1.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report outlines the Area Committee's role in relation to Elected Member Appointments to Outside Bodies and asks the Committee to determine the appointments to those organisations which fall to the Committee to make an appointment to.

2 Background information

- 2.1 In April 2004 Full Council agreed that in future, Elected Member appointments to Outside Bodies should be undertaken by a constituted body of Elected Members and that appointments to all outside bodies should, where appropriate, be made with due regard to proportionality within the law. Attached at Appendix 1 is the agreed Appointments to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules.
- 2.2 The Member Management Committee has responsibilities for Council appointments to Outside Bodies and for exercising decision making in the following areas:
- Considering requests from Outside Organisations seeking Elected Member representation;
 - Determining the category of appointment which will govern which Committee will make the appointments;
 - Making Elected Member appointments to Outside Bodies within the Strategic and Key Partnership category.
- 2.3 Due to the large number of organisations seeking Council representation, Council agreed that appointments within the Community and Local Engagement Category will be considered and approved by Elected Members serving on the relevant Area Committee.
- 2.4 In July 2004 the Member Management Committee met to consider allocation of appointments to each Area Committee. Attached at Appendix 2 are those that have been determined should be made by this Area Committee.

3 Main issues

- 3.1 The Area Committee is requested to determine the appointments to those Outside Body appointments as detailed within Appendix 2.
- 3.2 The Area Committee must first consider whether it is appropriate for an appointment to be of a specific office holder¹ either by reference, if this is available, to the constitution of the outside body concerned or in the light of any other circumstances as determined by the Area Committee. Such appointments will then be offered on this basis.

¹ For example it may be considered necessary or otherwise appropriate to appoint a specific Ward Member

- 3.3 Nominations will then be sought for the remaining places, having regard to trying to secure an overall allocation of places which reflects the proportion of Members from each Political Group on the Area Committee as a whole.
- 3.4 All appointments are subject to annual change unless otherwise stated within the constitution of the external organisation, which will therefore be reflected on the table at Appendix 2. Each appointment (including in-year replacements) runs for the municipal year, ending at the next Annual Council Meeting.
- 3.5 Elected Members² will fill all available appointments but it is recognised that Political Groups may not wish to take up vacancies which are made available to them. In such circumstances, vacancies will be notified to the Area Committee and agreement sought as to whether the vacancy will be filled.
- 3.6 A vacancy occurring during the municipal year will normally be referred to the Area Committee for an appointment to be made, having regard to the principles as described above.
- 3.7 Area Committees may review the list of organisations to which they are asked to make appointments at any time and make recommendations to the Member Management Committee.

4 Appointments 2012-2013

- 4.1 This year there are **5** appointments to be made in relation to the following organisations:-

Aireborough Voluntary Services to the Elderly with Disabilities

Aireborough Voluntary Services to the Elderly with Disabilities provides a range of services to promote independent living for older people. One of about 40 Neighbourhood Network Schemes. They are only able to help with social activities for people with physical disabilities or recovering from depression. Volunteers do not have the necessary skills to deal with dementia or alzheimers or other serious mental health issues.

This is an annual appointment, and the current representative is **Councillor Downes**.

Bramhope Youth Development Trust

The objective of Bramhope Youth Development Trust is set out by the Charity Commission as follows:-

² Section 249 Local Government Act 1972 states that Aldermen and Honorary Freemen may attend and take part in civic ceremonies but do not have the right to attend Council/committee meetings or receive any allowances or payments under a Members Allowance Scheme. This establishes the principle that such persons should not to be treated as Councillors, and therefore cannot be appointed to outside bodies in place of a Councillor if the request from an organisation is for a Councillor

‘To advance the education of young people in the area of benefit through their leisure time activities in order to develop their physical and mental capabilities and improve their conditions of life’

Under the Trust scheme the ‘area of benefit’ means the village of Bramhope and the surrounding neighbourhood.

The Trustees will try at all times to respond positively to request for funding, however it must be noted the Trustees have a legal responsibility to work within the definitions as stated in the Trust Deed.

This is an annual appointment, and the Council’s current representative is **Councillor Fox**.

Horsforth Live at Home Scheme

The aims of the Horsforth Live at Home Scheme are as follows:-

‘To provide companionship, outings and help with shopping, nourishing hot meals and social activities – all designed to help older people stay independent and supported in their own communities’.

This is an annual appointment, and the Council’s current representative is **Councillor Cleasby**.

Prince Henry’s Grammar School – Foundation Governors

The Prince Henry’s Grammar School Foundation Governors exist to support the school in different ways to those of the main Governing Body. In particular, they have a responsibility with regard to the use of the land on which the school exists. They administer funds which enable them to be associated with the recording of achievement through the award of Scholarships, Leaving Exhibitions and other prizes. They also award annual prizes for sporting achievements and an annual travel bursary.

This is a three yearly appointment and the Council’s current representative is **Councillor Downes** and is not due for appointment until June 2014.

Rawdon and Laneshaw Bridge Trust

The Rawdon and Laneshaw Bridge School Trust is a Registered Charity No 529297 which was founded by deed dated 22 May 1746. The original endowment came from the Green-Emmott family of Emmott Hall, Colne and Rawdon. The Trust exists to provide grants to deserving young persons under the age of 21 and resident in Rawdon who are engaged in full-time education at university, college, grammar or secondary school. Such grants are to be applied for their education, maintenance or advancement.

This is a three yearly appointment and the Council's current representatives are **Councillor Cleasby, S Waddington** and **J Peebles** and is not due for appointment until June 2014

ALMO Outer North West Area Panel

There are four Area Panels in the West North West area which cover the following areas:-

- Outer West – Calverley and Farsley, Pudsey and Farnley and Wortley
- Inner West – Bramley and Stanningley and Armley
- Outer North West – Guiseley and Rawdon, Otley and Yeadon, Adel and Wharfedale and Horsforth
- Inner North West – Weetwood, Headingley, Kirkstall and Hyde Park and Woodhouse

Each Area Panel will work to Terms of Reference and a Code of Conduct.

Each Area Panel will consist of:

- One Board Director
- Two local Ward members
- Six Tenants

The remit of the Area Panels is wide and encompasses several service areas. Area Panels will have a number of functions, ranging from monitoring services, influencing their design and being consulted on policy changes and making recommendations on change to these to the main Board.

Each Area Panel will be responsible for a budget which will cover:

- Support for tenants groups
 - Support for community groups
 - Local environmental budgets
 - Local Community safety budgets
- These are annual appointments, and the Council's current representatives are **Councillor Latty** and **Councillor Fox**.

4.2 Area Based Partnership Groups

Following a decision by Member Management Committee in 2008, in recent years, Area Committees have appointed to area based partnership groups. Specifically, Area Committees have appointed Members acting as local 'champions' in respect of each theme based Leeds Initiative partnership group.

Given the significant reconfiguration which has been made to the structure of Leeds Initiative, the overarching matter of Elected Member representation in respect of Leeds Initiative is scheduled to be considered by Member Management Committee in the new municipal year. Following Member Management Committee's consideration of this matter, further details will be provided to Area Committees at the earliest opportunity.

5 Corporate Considerations

5.1 Consultation and Engagement

5.1.1 This report facilitates the necessary consultation and engagement with Area Committee Members in respect of appointments to the designated Outside Bodies.

5.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

5.2.1 There are neither equality and diversity or cohesion and integration implications arising from this report.

5.3 Council policies and City Priorities

5.3.1 Council representation on, and engagement with those Outside Bodies to which the Area Committee has authority to appoint, is in line with the Council's Policies and City Priorities.

5.4 Resources and value for money

5.4.1 There are neither resource or value for money implications arising from this report.

5.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

5.5.1 The matters detailed within this report are in relation to Area Committees' Council Functions, and as such, any decisions arising from it are not eligible for Call In.

5.6 Risk Management

5.6.1 In not appointing to those Outside Bodies listed within Appendix 2, there is a risk that the Council's designated representation on such organisations would not be fulfilled.

6 Conclusions

6.1 Having regard to the Appointments to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules (attached at Appendix 1), the Area Committee is asked to determine the appointments to those designated Outside Bodies detailed within Appendix 2.

7 Recommendations

7.1 The Area Committee is asked to confirm the appointments to those Outside Bodies identified within Appendix 2, or agree any changes to the schedule, having

regard to the Appointments to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules, as outlined within this report and as detailed at Appendix 1.

8 Background documents³

- 8.1 Appointments to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules
- 8.2 Area Committee Procedure Rules
- 8.3 Area Committees' Terms of Reference

³ The background documents listed in this section are available for inspection on request for a period of four years following the date of the relevant meeting. Accordingly this list does not include documents containing exempt or confidential information, or any published works. Requests to inspect any background documents should be submitted to the report author.