

Report of: City Solicitor

Report to: Inner South (Community Committee)

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Community Committee Appointments

Purpose of report

1. This report outlines the Community Committee's role regarding appointments to: Outside Bodies; Community Champions; Children's Services Cluster Partnerships and the Corporate Carers' Group. In addition, the report invites the Committee to determine the appointments to these groups and organisations.

Main issues

2 Outside Bodies

The Community Committee is requested to determine the appointments to those Outside Bodies as detailed within Appendix 1. The Council's Appointments to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules are available to Members upon request.

The Community Committee should 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 Community 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

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 Community Committee as a whole.

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 1. Each appointment (including in-year replacements) runs for the municipal year, ending at the next Annual Council Meeting.

Elected Members 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 Community Committee and agreement sought as to whether the vacancy will be filled.

A vacancy occurring during the municipal year will normally be referred to the Community Committee for an appointment to be made, having regard to the principles as described above.

Community 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.

Appointments 2014/2015

This year there are 7 appointments to be made in relation to the following organisations:-

Belle Isle Elderly Winter Aid

Belle Isle Elderly Winter Aid is a registered charity (701895), founded in 1986. Their aim is to assist older people to remain living in their homes for as long as possible. This is done by providing activities and services to address the issues and problems, which older people say affect their quality of life and their ability to manage to maintain independence and continue to live at home.

This is an annual appointment and the Council's current representative is Councillor Blake.

Belle Isle Tenant Management Organisation (BITMO)

In 1991, Leeds City Council established the Belle Isle North Estate Management Board (EMB) in partnership with local tenants. The EMB only managed the north of Belle Isle - which benefited with investment via the Estate Action programme in the late 1980s and early 1990s. The southern half of the estate remained largely unimproved and required major improvements. The consultation and the subsequent creation of the six ALMOs in Leeds began a debate about the future of the EMB, and of the future of the whole of the Belle Isle area.

From the time that the estate was built until the 1980s Belle Isle had been one area. In 1984 the Council decentralised the housing service, and created a larger number of smaller community based housing management areas. This led to the creation of the Belle Isle North and Belle Isle South housing areas. It had always been the hope of the EMB to bring together the north and south parts of Belle Isle back into one housing area.

Over a period of five years, a group of tenants on the Belle Isle Estate worked towards tenant management for the whole area. The formation of the Belle Isle Group (B.I.G.) led to the eventual serving of a 'Notice to Manage' and the establishment of the Belle Isle Tenant Management Organisation (BITMO).

In order to achieve full TMO status the organisation had to consult with local residents, and make sure that the local community was in support of the idea. The result of the ballot that took place showed that 94% of the people who voted were in favour of local Tenant Management. Consequently, the unification of the estate and the creation of the new organisation took place in October 2004.

Belle Isle Tenant Management Organisation is the biggest Tenant Management Organisation outside London, and is responsible for more than 2000 homes and employs 32 members of staff.

These are annual appointments and the Council's current representatives are Councillors Blake and Truswell.

Holbeck Elderly Aid

Holbeck Elderly Aid is a registered charity (1075934) working with older people (60+) in the community. Its aims are to promote independent living, improved quality of life and prevention of social isolation. The charity is one of the Neighbourhood Network schemes for older people.

This is an annual appointment and the Council's current representative is Councillor Ogilvie.

Middleton Elderly Aid

Middleton Elderly Aid is a registered charity (1100601) which supports the older adult residents of Middleton, to enable them to live safely and independently in their own homes. The charity provides social activities, such as luncheon clubs, trips and outings and home services, including handyperson jobs, gardening, etc.

This is an annual appointment and the Council's current representative is Councillor Groves.

ALMO Inner South Area Panel

This panel has now been replaced by Inner South Local Housing Advisory Panel.

Inner South Local Housing Advisory Panel

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

The appointments to this panel are new ones representatives on the ALMO Inner South Area Panel were **Councillor Iqbal, Councillor Ogilvie and Councillor Truswell**. However the request for this new advisory panel is to appoint two elected members in line with the new terms of reference.

Community Champion Roles

The Community Champion role aims to provide a local “lead” perspective and further facilitate local democratic accountability; particularly in conjunction with the relevant Executive Member. It is formally defined as covering the following areas:

- To provide local leadership and champion the agenda at the Community Committee.
- To represent the Community Committee at relevant meetings, forums and local partnerships.
- To build links with key services and partners.
- To provide a link between the Community Committee and the Executive Member to ensure local needs are represented, issues are highlighted, best practice is shared and to facilitate local solutions to any issues.
- To maintain an overview of local performance.
- To consult with the Community Committee and represent local views as part of the development and review of policy

As set out in the Constitution, the Community Committee is invited to appoint to the following Community Champions roles, in respect of:

- **Environment & Community Safety**
- **Children’s Services**
- **Employment, Skills and Welfare**
- **Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care**

In recognition of the differing size of individual Community Committees and that these roles may need to be tailored to best reflect specific local needs and circumstances, Community Committees may wish to consider splitting two of the roles namely:

- Environment & Community Safety – with one Member focusing on the environment agenda and another on community safety.
- Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care – with one Member covering the public health and wellbeing agenda and another focusing upon adult social care.

Corporate Carers’ Group

Under the Children's Act 1989, all local Councillors are corporate parents (usually referred to in Leeds as corporate carers), this means they have responsibilities relating to the quality of services for those children who have been taken into care by the local authority (children looked after). Executive Board has previously agreed a clearer framework for the corporate carer role in Leeds. This included establishing a core group of councillors with a special interest in leading the work on Corporate Parenting - the 'Corporate Carer' group. This core group includes representation from each of the 10 Community Committees in the city and takes particular responsibilities relating to influencing, performance monitoring, and governance of those issues and outcomes that affect looked after children. The group considers information including fostering services, residential care, looked after children's educational attainment and their voice and influence across the city. Representatives are asked to link back to local looked after children's issues through their Community Committee and champion the importance of effectively supporting those children.

Community Committee is asked to appoint one representative to the Corporate Carers' Group for the duration of the 2014/15 municipal year. Given the development of the Area Lead Member for Children's Services, the Committee may deem it appropriate for these roles to be combined.

It should be noted that membership of the Corporate Carers' Group is encouraged for any Elected Members with a particular interest in the outcomes of looked after children, therefore whilst each Community Committee is asked to appoint one Member (to ensure an even geographic spread), it is possible for additional Members to participate. Therefore, additional Members with a particular interest are advised to approach the Chair of the Corporate Carers' Group.

Children's Services Cluster Partnership Representatives

The Children's Services Cluster Partnerships evolved originally in response to the extended schools initiative, then as extended services partnerships but have evolved to be an integral part of the locality model which sit under the Children's Trust Board. They provide an inclusive partnership offer to our universal services in schools and children's centres. Increasingly, council services are being re shaped to strengthen and develop relationships through the cluster model. The purpose of cluster partnerships is to:

- Enable local settings and services to work together effectively to improve outcomes for children, young people and their families, focusing on what will make the biggest difference in that area;
- Build capacity to improve preventative / early help services to meet local needs;
- Promote the ambition of a child friendly city across the locality.

In April 2011 the Children's Trust Board 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. 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.

In June 2013 Member Management Committee delegated the nomination of Elected Member representatives to local Children's Services Cluster partnerships to Areas Committees. This was with the aim of establishing a clear formal link between Area Committees and Clusters. It was also with the intention of building closer working arrangements to better support the needs children and families across the city.

The Community Committee is invited to nominate Members to each cluster partnership within their area. The table below sets out the suggested numbers, ward links and current representation as a basis for discussion:

Cluster	Number of Elected Members suggested	Suggested Ward link	APPOINTS MADE ON 19/6/13
Beeston and Cottingley and Middleton	2	1 Beeston and Holbeck 1 Middleton Park	A OGILVIE K GROVES
JESS (Joint extended schools and services: Beeston Hill, Holbeck, Belle Isle and Hunslet)	3	1 Beeston and Holbeck 1 City and Hunslet 1 Middleton Park	A GABRIEL M IQBAL J BLAKE

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Options

This report invites the Committee to make appointments to the following as appropriate:-

3. Those Outside Bodies as detailed at Appendix 1;
4. One representative to the Corporate Carers' Group;
5. Community Committee Community Champions, as listed at Section 2; and
6. Those Children's Services Cluster Partnerships, also listed within Section 2.

Conclusion

7. The Community Committee is asked to determine the appointments to those designated Outside Bodies detailed within Appendix 1.
8. In addition, the report invites the Community Committee to make appointments to Community Champion roles, Cluster Partnerships and Corporate Carers Group for the 2014/15 municipal year.

Recommendations

The Community Committee is asked to make appointments to the following:-

9. The Elected Member representatives to work with the Outside Bodies identified at Appendix 1, or agree any changes to the schedule, having regard to the Appointments to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules, as outlined in this report;

10. Committee Members to the Community Champion roles listed in section 3;

11. Member representatives to the local Children's Services Cluster Partnerships relevant to the Community Committee as listed in section 3;

12. One representative to the Corporate Carers' Group.