



Report of the Chief Democratic Services Officer

Report to Member Management Committee

Date: 29th June 2006

Subject: LOCAL AUTHORITY APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Electoral Wards Affected:

Specific Implications For:

Ethnic minorities

Women

Disabled people

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report outlines the roles and responsibilities of the Member Management Committee in relation to Elected Member Appointments to Outside Bodies.

1.2 The report also provides an update on the Members currently serving on outside bodies and details appointments made since February 2006.

2.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

2.1 This report outlines the Member Management Committee's role in relation to Elected Member Appointments to Outside Bodies and asks the Committee to;

- Agree a schedule detailing those organisations that the Council will continue to make an appointment to;
- Agree the nominations to those organisations which fall to the Committee to make an appointment to.

3.0 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MEMBER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

3.1 Each year the Member Management Committee is required to review the list of notified Outside Bodies and determine whether the Council should make/continue to make an appointment to those bodies. The process by which this is undertaken is detailed in the Appointment to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules (an extract of which is listed below, a copy of the procedure rules are appended to this report at Appendix 1).

Extract from the Appointments to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules

2.2 *Each year the Member Management Committee will review the list of notified Outside Bodies and will determine whether the Council should make/continue to make an appointment to those bodies.*

2.3 *Determination will be based on one or more of the following criteria being met.*

- *The proposed appointment is a statutory requirement, or*
- *The proposed appointment would be consistent with the Council's policy or strategic objectives, or*
- *The proposed appointment would add value to the Council's activities*

3.2 The current schedule of bodies to which appointments are made is attached at Appendix 2. This schedule was agreed by Member Management Committee in June 2005 and identifies those appointments which fall to the Committee to make.

3.3 In relation to these appointments the Member Management Committee is asked to :-

- confirm that the Council will continue to make an appointment to those organisations listed;
- confirm the allocation of responsibility for appointments to the Member Management Committee
- consider those Members which they would wish to appoint to serve on the organisations listed in Appendix 2

3.4 The Appointments Procedure advises the Member Management Committee to have regard to the principle of securing an overall allocation of places which reflects the proportion of Members from each Political Group on the Council as a whole.

3.5 The Member Management Committee is asked to note that Elected Members should normally fill all available appointments and that all appointments are subject to annual change unless otherwise stated in the constitution of the external organisation. Each appointment (including in-year replacements) runs for the municipal year, ending at the next Annual Council Meeting.

3.6 It is recognised that Party Groups may not wish to take up vacancies which are made available to them. In such circumstances vacancies will be notified to the Member Management Committee and agreement sought as to whether the vacancy will be filled.

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

4.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL POLICY AND GOVERNANCE

- 4.1 The appointment of Elected members to the Outside Bodies detailed in the attached schedule contributes to the Council's strategic functions, priorities and community leadership role.

5.0 POSITION STATEMENT

- 5.1 The Member Management Committee met on a number of occasions in the last Municipal Year to make Elected Member appointments to Outside Bodies. The attached schedule at Appendix 2 details the current position.
- 5.2 Member Management Committee is asked to consider the vacancies detailed in Appendix 2 and make appointments to them, other than those shaded which indicates that an appointment is not required for this Municipal Year.
- 5.3 In considering these vacancies the Committee is asked to specifically consider the following issues:-
- 5.4 Yorkshire and Humber Association of Local Authorities

Executive Board at its meeting on the 19th April 2006 considered and endorsed a report on a proposal to dissolve the Yorkshire and Humber Association of Local Authorities and to establish Local Government Yorkshire and Humber(Appendix 3).

Members of the Executive Board noted that as a member of the new organisation, the council will need to formally agree its representation on the new body via a report to the Member Management Committee, though no changes to the existing arrangements are proposed – Leeds will be represented by the Leader or Leader's representative, and will be entitled to 15 votes, as at present.

Member Management Committee are therefore asked to consider appointing to Local Government Yorkshire and Humber on the same basis as it did to the Yorkshire and Humber Association of Local Authorities

The current arrangements are the Leader(s) of Council and their representative(s).

5.5 Appointments made since February 2006

Since the last meeting of the Committee appointments have been made as detailed below utilising the delegations made by this Committee to the Director of Legal and Democratic Services.

<u>Outside Body</u>	<u>Member Appointed</u>	<u>Member Replaced</u>
School Organisation Committee	Cllr Russell	Cllr C Nash
Leeds Grand Theatre Board	Cllr J L Carter Cllr Harrand Cllr Blake Cllr Smith Cllr Harker	Cllr Feldman Cllr W Hyde Cllr Atha Cllr Townsley Cllr Taylor

6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 The Member Management Committee is asked to:-

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