



Report of the Chief Democratic Services Officer

Member Management Committee

Date: 30th October 2007

Subject: Local Authority Appointments to Outside Bodies

Electoral Wards Affected:

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 Further to the meeting of this Committee in May 2007, and confirmation of nominations received to date, this report:

- provides an update on the current position regarding member appointments
- seeks to confirm member nominations to remaining vacancies.

2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2.1 This is the second meeting of the Member Management Committee since the Annual Meeting of Council to make Elected Member appointments to Outside Bodies. The attached schedule at Appendix 1 details the current position.

2.2 Vacancies exist on a number of outside bodies. Member Management Committee is asked to consider the vacancies detailed in Appendix 1 and make appointments to them.

3.0 MAIN ISSUES

3.1 Members are asked to specifically consider the following issues:

3.2 Connexions

The Council's current representative on this organisation, Councillor Harker, has provided officers with a copy of a letter from Connexions West Yorkshire that set out the decision to no longer meet as a Board. A copy of the letter is available from the report author if required.

Members are asked to note that the Council will no longer be required to appoint a representative to this body.

3.3 Alzheimer's Society Management Committee

The Council currently have no representative appointed to serve on the Alzheimers Society Management Committee.

Councillor Lancaster has expressed an interest in serving on this particular body and Member Management are requested to consider appointing Councillor Lancaster to the Alzheimers Society Management Committee.

3.4 Leeds Grand Theatre Enterprises Ltd

Leeds Grand Theatre Enterprises Ltd is a private limited company which was established in 2005 in order to benefit from the five year sponsorship funding received from the Yorkshire Bank towards the renovation of the Leeds Grand Theatre and Opera House (Leeds Grand Theatre Enterprises Ltd is a wholly owned subsidiary of Leeds Grand Theatre and Opera House). It has the same administrative processes and systems in place as Leeds Grand Theatre and Opera House Ltd.

The Council currently has an entitlement to appoint 3 members onto this body and to date the appointments have been carried out by the Leeds Grand Theatre and Opera House Ltd Board of Management.

The Appointments to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules state that where a request to make an appointment is received then determination of this will be based on one or more of the following criteria being met:

- 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

Where an organisation is deemed to have met one or more of these criteria, Members are requested to allocate it to one of the following categories:

- Strategic and Key Partnerships – participation contributes to the Council's strategic objectives and community leadership role
- Community and Local Engagement – not necessary to fulfil strategic or key partnership role but, nonetheless, beneficial in terms of leading, engaging and supporting the community from an area or ward perspective.

The appointing body for Strategic and Key Partnerships is the Member Management Committee. The appointing body for Community and Local Engagement is the appropriate Area Committee.

Members are asked to confirm that appointments should be made to the Leeds Grand Theatre Enterprises Ltd and to agree that the appointments would fall into the Strategic and Key category. Members are also asked to agree that these appointments should be reserved to Leeds Grand Theatre Board Members and that the position of chair should be reserved to the chair of the Leeds Grand Theatre Board.

3.5 Special Interest Group of Municipal Authorities (Outside London) within the LGA (SIGOMA)

SIGOMA is the Special Interest Group of Municipal Authorities representing most of the large towns and cities in the northern, midland and south coast regions of England and work to release the opportunities and potential of the communities they represent.

The Council have for a number of years appointed to this body and the Council's current representative is Councillor Harris as the Leader of Council.

Members are asked to confirm that the Council would still wish to appoint to SIGOMA and that the position be reserved to the Leader of Council.

3.6 Appointments Made Since May 2007

Members are advised that since the last meeting of the Committee the following change of appointments have been confirmed by the Assistant Chief Executive(Corporate Governance) in accordance with the Appointments to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules (4.6)

<u>Outside Body</u>	<u>Member Appointed</u>	<u>Member Replaced</u>	<u>Date</u>
Leeds Grand Theatre Board	Cllr Townsley	Whips nominee	13/6/07
Leeds Citizens Advice Bureau	Cllr Lowe	Cllr Armitage	21/6/07
LGA General Assembly	Cllr Wakefield	Whips nominee	29/6/07
LGA General Assembly	Cllr Finnigan	Whips nominee	29/6/07
LGA General Assembly	Cllr Anderson	Whips nominee	29/6/07
LGA General Assembly	Cllr Golton	Whips nominee	29/6/07
Leeds Groundwork Trust	Cllr Smith	Cllr Hollingsworth	24/7/07
Yorkshire & Humber Employers Committee	Cllr James Lewis	Cllr Minkin	3/8/07
Leeds Local Access Forum	Cllr Dunn	Whips nominee	6/8/07
Adoption Panel - Leodis	Cllr Coulson	New position	30/8/07
Adoption Panel - Leodis	Cllr Morgan	New position	30/8/07
Leeds Grand Theatre Board	Cllr Harrand	Whips nominee	11/9/07

4.0 **IMPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL POLICY AND GOVERNANCE**

4.1 The member appointments referred to in 3.1 to 3.6 are in accordance with the Council's Constitution and as detailed in the Appointments to Outside Body Procedure Rules. Members will also be advised of the need to update their entry in the Members register of interests.

5.0 **LEGAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no specific legal or resource implications in relation to these appointments.

6.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

6.1 Members are asked to consider the current position in relation to Elected Member appointments to outside bodies detailed in Appendix 1.

6.2 Members are asked to note the change of appointments since the last meeting of the Committee as detailed in 3. 6 of the report.