

**Report of:** The Director of Resources and Housing

**Report to:** Outer South Community Committee

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## **Reappointment of Trustees to the Archbishop Margetson Trust Fund**

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### **Purpose of report**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Members' approval of the appointment of trustees to the Archbishop Margetson Trust Fund. This group draws on representatives of Drighlington Parish Council and Drighlington Primary school, with Leeds City Council currently being represented by a local ward member, Councillor Gettings.

### **Main issues**

2. The Archbishop Margetson educational trust fund has a long history with its origins dating from 1678 when James Margetson, the Archbishop of Armagh, made provision in his will for the ongoing support of the Free School that he had built in Drighlington. The Trust Fund in its modern form came under the auspices of Leeds City Council following local government reorganisation in 1974. However, it became inactive for several years prior to local representatives of the community in Drighlington becoming involved and taking stewardship of the fund in 2009. The fund currently amounts to £3.5k.
3. In 2009 LCC made an agreement with the Charity Commissioners to appoint trustees to the Trust in accordance every 3 years.
4. The current group of trustees were appointed in 2009 and then reappointed twice in 2012 and 2015. They included four representatives of the local community as nominated by the local ward members, and appointed for three years. Three of them were Drighlington Parish Councillors at the time, Arthur Thornton, Janet Scholes and Mike Rhodes. These 3 names have been formally confirmed by the clerk of the Parish Council as the nominations for reappointment of trustees to Archbishop Margetson Trust. The other local representative was one from Drighlington Primary School, the

Head Teacher, Sue Jackson. The fifth trustee is Councillor Gettings representing the City Council on the trust and appointed for a term ending on the date of the appointment of the successor or any time after the ordinary day of retirement as Councillor.

## **Corporate considerations**

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### **a. Council policies and city priorities**

The reappointment of the current group of trustees was agreed at the 30 November 2015 meeting of this Community Committee. In 2008 Member Management Committee resolved that the relevant Community Committee (then Area Committee) was the correct forum to make appointments to the Trust.

### **b. Legal implications, access to information and call in**

The aim of the fund is to make awards to children in the final year at Drighlington Primary Schools in recognition of merit, achievement or effort in the general curriculum of the school. If any child has shown particular talent in a specific field, awards may be made to develop those talents, if due to the financial situation of the family they may not be developed to their full potential. Awards would be in the form of educational books or equipment to assist in the development of the talents of the recipient during their secondary education. It is envisaged that the school would nominate a short-list of five pupils with the trustees choosing two winners. Students will have had to attended the primary school for at least three years and have at least one parent or guardian who is resident in Drighlington.

## **Conclusion**

6. The Trust Fund is seeking Leeds City Council's agreement to the reappointment of the 3 named representatives of Drighlington Parish Council (following receipt of confirmation of those names from the clerk of the Parish Council); the named representative of Drighlington Primary School and the appointment of a representative of Leeds City Council (currently Councillor B Gettings).

## **Recommendations**

7. Members of the Community Committee are recommended to consider:

Approving the reappointment of the 3 named representatives of Drighlington Parish Council and the named representative of Drighlington Primary School as trustees to the Archbishop Margetson Trust Fund, and also appointing a representative of Leeds City Council (currently Cllr B Gettings) as a Trustee, for the terms of office as set out within the report.

## **Background information**

- Report to February 2009 meeting of South (Outer) Area Committee on the Appointment of New Trustees to the Archbishop Margetson Trust Fund

- Report to December 2012 meeting of South (Outer) Area Committee on the Reappointment of Trustees to the Archbishop Margetson Trust Fund
- Report to 30 November 2015 meeting of Outer South Community Committee on the Reappointment of Trustees to the Archbishop Margetson Trust Fund