



## Report of the Chief Democratic Services Officer

### North West (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> September 2008

### Subject: Local Authority Appointments to Outside Bodies – Outstanding Vacancies

<b>Electoral Wards Affected:</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)	<b>Specific Implications For:</b> Equality and Diversity <input type="checkbox"/> Community Cohesion <input type="checkbox"/> Narrowing the Gap <input type="checkbox"/>	
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## Executive Summary

This report requests the Committee to consider and appoint to those bodies listed in Appendix 1 where an outstanding vacancy exists.

### 1.0 Purpose Of This Report

1.1 This report requests the Committee to consider and appoint to those bodies listed in Appendix 1 where an outstanding vacancy exists.

### 2.0 Background

- 2.1 At the previous meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2008, Members considered a report outlining the procedures for Council Appointments to outside bodies, and made appointments to various Organisations (Minute No 13 refers).
- 2.2 Appendix 1 makes reference to three outstanding vacancies which were not filled at the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2008.
- 2.3 The bodies in question are the Bethel Elderly Day Centre Management Committee, Burley Lodge Centre – Committee of Management and Caring Together in Woodhouse and Little London.

### **Bethel Elderly Day Centre Management Committee**

Bethel Elderly Day Centre is a registered charity, and company limited by guarantee which provides Day Care Services for those within reach of its premises on Victoria Road, Leeds 6, mostly serving those in the Leeds 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 post code areas.

It was founded in 1992 by Pastor Mabel Parris and the elders of Bethel United Church to provide a centre sensitive to the cultural needs of the elderly of the Caribbean Community in Leeds, but always had a non-discriminatory policy, and presently benefits from a very diverse group of Service Users.

The services currently provided include a cooked meal, assistance with bathing, social activities and gentle exercise sessions.

The current officers of the Management Committee are:-

Dr Doreen Illingworth – Chair  
Pastor Mabel Parris – Treasurer and Assistant Secretary  
Ms Amogene Parris – Secretary

This is an annual appointment which has, in the past, been filled by Dr Doreen Illingworth. However at the request Dr Doreen Illingworth, in her capacity as Chair of the Management Committee, she is now requesting the Committee to make an Elected Member appointment to this body.

### **Burley Lodge Centre – Committee of Management**

The Burley Lodge Centre originally began in 1981 as a base for advice, information and group activities. The centre was based in two back to back houses, moving to its current building in 1996, The centre has a track record of providing youth work, advice and rooms for hire. In the last five years the Burley Lodge Centre has seen a great increase in activities in response to local consultation, including a counselling service and a community café.

These are annual appointments, and the Council's current representatives for 2008/9 are Councillor Hamilton and Councillor Ewens. There is now a need for the Area Committee to fill an outstanding vacancy on this body for 2008/9. Or alternatively the Area Committee could also recommend to the Member Management Committee that a reduction in appointments be made from three to two in relation to this body.

### **Caring Together in Woodhouse and Little London**

Caring together in Woodhouse and Little London is a small registered charity supporting older people living in inner-city Leeds and managed by a voluntary management committee made up of local older people, and representatives of local older people and other representatives of local organisations. They work with volunteers of all ages.

The aim of Caring Together in Little London is to offer non-bureaucratic and sympathetic services, advice and activities, to support older people to live healthy, happy and independent lives.

This is a three year appointment which currently expires in June 2010 and following the recent resignation of Councillor P Ewens, arising from timing difficulties in her attending meetings of the voluntary management committee, a vacancy has occurred on this body.

### **3.0 List of Background Papers**

- 3.1 Local Authority Appointments to Outside Bodies – Report of the Chief Democratic Services Officer– North West (Inner) Area Committee - 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2008

### **4.0 Recommendations**

- 4.1 The Area Committee is asked to consider making appointments to the outstanding vacancies as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.