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## Report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods

### Report to Member Management Committee

Date: 4<sup>th</sup> March 2009

Subject: Cross Gates Good Neighbours and Halton Moor & Osmondthorpe Project for the Elderly (HOPE).

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#### Electoral Wards Affected:

Cross Gates & Whinmoor  
Temple Newsam  
Killingbeck & Seacroft

#### Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity   
Community Cohesion   
Narrowing the Gap

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### Executive Summary

1. This report seeks to establish the principle of allowing one Elected Member from Outer East Area Committee to sit on the committee of Cross Gates Good Neighbours and one member to sit on the committee of HOPE.

### Background

2. At a recent meeting of Outer East Area Committee several Members raised the issue of their being no Elected Members on the committees of Cross Gates Good Neighbours and HOPE. South East Area Management was asked to make enquiries into how these arrangements could be facilitated.
3. Contact has been made with Cross Gates Good Neighbours and HOPE and both organisations have welcomed the proposal to have Elected Members on their respective committees. The purpose of this report is to clarify these arrangements.
4. Both Cross Gates Good Neighbours and HOPE are voluntary older persons support groups. Their objectives are:
  - a) To promote the relief of elderly people in any manner which now or hereafter may be deemed by law to be charitable in their respective areas and neighbouring areas in the east of Leeds;
  - b) The advancement of the education of older people in their respective areas and neighbouring areas in relation to financial, health, housing and welfare entitlements:

c) The advancement of the education of the public, promotion of research concerning the needs of older people in relation to the provision of support, such as, fuel, heat and light and the publication of useful results of such research.

### **Appointment Process**

5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. If Members are of the view that this appointment falls into the Community and Local Engagement category then the appointment should be made by the relevant Area Committee(s).

### **Implications for Council Policy and Governance**

9. The appointment of Elected Members to the committees of voluntary organisations would contribute to the Council's strategic functions, priorities and community leadership role.

### **Recommendations**

10. It is recommended that the Member Management Committee categorise the appointments to both the Cross Gates Good Neighbours and HOPE as being 'Community and Local Engagement' thereby agreeing that such appointments should properly be made by the relevant Area Committee.

### **Background Papers**

- Appointment to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules.