

INFORMATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES – EAST (OUTER) AREA COMMITTEE

1.0 Cross Gates & District Good Neighbours Scheme

This organisation is a registered charity (no. 1119526). Its Management Committee consists of up to twelve Trustees and meets at least six times per year. The Scheme provides a variety of activities and services to promote healthy and independent living and to reduce social isolation to older people aged 60+ living in the Cross Gates and surrounding LS15 districts. These activities and services include group work, advocacy, advice and information and practical support.

This is an annual appointment and the current appointee from the East (Outer) Area Committee is Councillor Grahame.

2.0 HOPE (Halton Moor & Osmondthorpe Project for Elders)

This organisation is a registered charity (no. 1096626). The Management Committee meets at least twice a year and consists of up to 16 Trustees. The objectives of the organisation are for the benefit of the elderly living within east Leeds to relieve poverty, sickness or distress and provide or assist in the provision of facilities for general welfare, recreation and leisure time activities with the object of improving the conditions of life of the elderly.

Up to two appointments can be made from the East (Outer) Area Committee to HOPE's management committee, however these are restricted to Members in the Temple Newsam Ward. **These are annual appointments and the current appointees from the East (Outer) Area Committee are Councillors W Hyde and Lyons.**

3.0 Neighbourhood Elders' Team

This organisation is both a registered charity (no. 1088836) and a company limited by guarantee (no. 422178). It was first established in April 1995 by the four churches in Garforth (Churches Together in Garforth). Charitable status was obtained in 2001.

The Management Committee comprises six local people and there is a staff team of three. Some 70 volunteers work with the charity in a variety of roles. The Team is based in Garforth and provides services to older people in 13 villages in East Leeds. Its aims are: 'to identify and respond to the needs of older people and their carers, to provide services that fill the gaps in statutory provision and enable older people to remain within their own community.'

This is an annual appointment and the current appointee from the East (Outer) Area Committee to the Management Committee of this organisation is Councillor J Lewis.

4.0 Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme

This local voluntary organisation was established in 1994 to work with and for older people and their carers living in the Whinmoor Ward, covering Stanks, Swarcliffe and Whinmoor. It is based at St Gregory's Youth and Adult Centre on Stanks Gardens, Leeds 14. In 1996 the organisation became a registered charity, (no. 1055018).

The Scheme's aims are: 'to provide services which promote the health and well being of older people and their carers to live independently within the local community.' The Management Committee comprises 13 local people. There are four members of staff as well as a team of volunteers.

Councillor Armitage is the current appointee of the East (Outer) Area Committee to the Management Committee of the Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Team. This is an annual appointment.

5.0 ALMO Area Panels

Although the appointments to the ALMO Board of Directors are now made by the Member Management Committee (see Paragraph 2.6 of report), Area Committees appoint to the ALMO Area Panels. This Committee appoints one Member to the Outer East Area Panel of East North East Homes ALMO and two Members to the Outer South East Area Panel of Aire Valley Homes ALMO.

Outer East Area Panel of East North East Homes

The two main roles of East North East Homes Area Panels are:

- To ensure that the organisation is providing a good service to its customers; and
- To deliver environmental and community safety schemes that benefit its customers.

The four Area Panels of East North East Homes are called 'Inner North East', 'Outer North East', 'Inner East' and 'Outer East'.

The Outer East Area Panel covers Seacroft, Cross Gates, Halton Moor and Osmondthorpe (Wykebeck and Nevilles).

The Area Panel meets every 6 weeks to discuss priorities they have identified within Outer East areas. Priorities identified by the Panel so far are:

- Tenancy management
- Tenant involvement
- Repairs and empty properties, and
- Budgets.

The Panel also discuss Estate Investment Bids and smaller environmental schemes which have been identified through an Estate Walkabout and which have been put forward by local groups or tenants for funding approval. The

Outer East Area Panel also considers requests for funding from voluntary organisations which deliver their work within Outer East.

The Panel consists of two Ward members, one Board representative and 12 tenants. **The Council's current representative from the East (Outer) Area Committee is Councillor Lyons.** Councillor Morgan was appointed by the East (Inner) Area Committee. These are annual appointments.

Outer South East Area Panel of Aire Valley Homes Leeds

The main roles of Aire Valley Homes Area Panels are:

- To monitor the performance of Aire Valley Homes, including tenant satisfaction with services; and
- To consult on new policy initiatives being considered by the Board.

The three Area Panels of Aire Valley Homes are called 'Inner South', 'Outer South' and 'Outer South East'.

The Outer South East Area Panel meets on a regular basis. The Panel has a broad remit which includes managing an annual budget of £100,000 for environmental projects and £10,000 for community activities. Their Terms of Reference include:

- Budget responsibility
- Business Plan and Delivery Plan
- Tenant Inspection
- Performance
- Tenant Participation
- Tenancy Management
- Repairs and Improvements
- Lettings
- Tenant Satisfaction
- Staff Issues
- Service Development

The Panel is made up of six tenants, a Board Member and two Ward Councillors. **The Council's current representatives from the East (Outer) Area Committee are Councillors Dobson and Parker.** These are annual appointments.

6.0 District and Area Based Partnerships

In November 2008, the Council's Member Management Committee agreed that Member appointments to District and Area – based partnerships should be categorised under the Appointments to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules (see Appendix 1) as 'Community and Local Engagement' appointments, to be made by the relevant Area Committee. For governance and administration purposes, it has been decided to review these appointments annually.

At present, there are a number of area based partnership groups established as part of Leeds Initiative – the local strategic partnership. These are:

- Divisional Community Safety Partnerships
- Area Children's Partnerships
- Area Health & Social Care Partnerships
- Area Employment Enterprise and Training Partnerships

There are three of each of these theme based district partnership groups for the City, all broadly co-terminus with the three Area Management wedges of Leeds City Council. The exception to this is the Area Children's Partnerships, where there are to be five, corresponding to the former five Area Management wedges across the City.

These partnership groups have requested that each Area Committee in their patch nominate a local elected Member representative (or 'champion') to participate in the work of the partnership and act as the link between the partnership and the Area Committee.

Local area based partnerships make an important contribution in determining the local actions that can be taken to support the delivery of the strategic outcomes and improvement priorities set out in the Leeds Strategic Plan. The broad commitments and actions of these local partnerships are captured in each Area Committee's Area Delivery Plan (ADP), and they are accountable to the Area Committees for these commitments. The accountability and feedback to Area Committees will be through the regular monitoring reports on each ADP and through an annual report from the partnership group to each Area Committee. The Area Management Teams will support local Member involvement and facilitate Member representatives to raise any issues at their Area Committee as appropriate. It is further proposed that the minutes of all such partnership meetings are available to all Area Committee Members.

There is an expectation that Area Committee representatives will share their knowledge and intelligence of the area, to help shape and determine the priorities and action plans of the partnerships, ensuring they are complimentary and supportive of the Area Committees' ADPs. Direct participation by elected Members on these local partnerships will strengthen the role of Members and their voice as 'community champions' within our partner agencies, and overcome any perceived 'democratic deficit' there may have been. Elected Members' participation will also help build the links between local partnership working and the work of the Council through the Area Committees.

The Committee's current designated partnership representatives, or 'champions', are as follows :-

- North East Divisional Community Safety Partnership – **Councillor Dobson**
- Children Leeds East Leadership Team – **Councillor Murray**

- South East Leeds Health and Wellbeing Partnership – **Councillor Armitage**
- Area Jobs, Employment, and Training Partnership (JET) – **Councillor Murray.**