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## Report of the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing

### *Member Management Committee*

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2006

**Subject: Councillor Nominations to the New Arms Length Management Organisations (ALMOs) Boards.**

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**Electoral Wards Affected:**

All

**Specific Implications For:**

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

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### **Executive Summary**

This report sets out the options for a process by which Councillor nominations will be made to the new ALMO Boards and asks Members to agree a process and to seek nominations from within the political groups.

#### **1.0 Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to request the nomination of Members to serve on the new ALMO boards.

#### **2.0 Background**

2.1 The Council has determined to reduce the number of ALMOs in Leeds from six to three. As part of this process the governance arrangements that exist now have been reviewed.

2.2 The Executive Board, at its October meeting, agreed to reduce the size of the new Boards from 18 to 12, with equal representation from Councillors, Independents and Tenants.

2.3 The October Executive meeting also agreed to revise the method by which Councillor nominations to the Boards are to be made. The current process is that nominations to ALMO Boards are made through the Area Management Committees. However, the re-alignment of ALMO boundaries to create the three new ALMOs means there is no longer a neat alignment with Area Committee boundaries.

### **3.0 Options for Nominations Process**

3.1 Once nominated the duty of Councillors on the ALMO Boards is to act as Directors of the company rather than as representatives of the Council or their constituents. There is no guidance from the DCLG on political nominations to ALMO Boards and therefore there are no particular methods that have to be adopted.

3.2 Whichever method is utilized, Members should be able to provide a reasoned argument for the option chosen. Accordingly the decision could be taken by reference to any one or combination of the following material considerations:

1. Current political balance of the Council

This option would allow the political balance of the Council to be reflected within the ALMO Boards.

2. Political representation in the area

This option would allow the political representation of the Council to be reflected within the ALMO Boards but in relation to the geographical area within which a particular ALMO will operate. It would also allow smaller political groups to be represented.

3. Stock numbers in the area

Whilst nominated Councillors do not act as representatives of their ward constituents, nevertheless it can be argued that the number of properties within an area could be used as a guide.

### **4.0 Preferred Option**

4.1 The preferred method of the administration is based on option 2. Accordingly the proposals for the Boards are as follows:

West/North West Homes - 1 Green, 1 Labour, 1 Liberal Democrat and 1 Conservative

South/South East Homes - 2 Labour, 1 Liberal Democrat and 1 Morley Borough Independent

East/North East Homes - 2 Conservative, 1 Labour and 1 Liberal Democrat

### **5.0 Recommendations**

5.1 Members are asked to agree member representation by the political parties on each Board.

## Appendix 1

### West / North West Homes Leeds

Ward	Stock	Conservative	Labour	Liberal / Democrat	Green	Independent
Adel and Wharfedale	710	3	0	0	0	0
Guiseley and Rawdon	758	3	0	0	0	0
Calverley and Farsley	806	3	0	0	0	0
Horsforth	964	0	0	3	0	0
Hyde Park and Woodhouse	2431	0	0	3	0	0
Otley and Yeadon	1489	0	0	3	0	0
Headingley	176	0	0	3	0	0
Weetwood	1505	0	0	2	0	1
Farnley and Wortley	2677	0	0	0	3	0
Kirkstall	2623	0	3	0	0	0
Armley	3009	0	3	0	0	0
Bramley and Stanningley	2948	0	3	0	0	0
Pudsey	1781	0	3	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>

### East / North East Homes Leeds

Ward	Stock	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat	Green	Independent
Wetherby	898	3	0	0	0	0
Harewood (split with South/South East)	237	3	0	0	0	0
Alwoodley	1231	3	0	0	0	0
Roundhay	678	3	0	0	0	0
Temple Newsam (split with South/South East)	1	2	1	0	0	0
Burmantofts and Richmond Hill (split with South/South East)	3255	0	0	3	0	0
Moortown	495	0	0	3	0	0
Gipton and Harehills	3342	0	1	2	0	0
Chapel Allerton	2221	0	3	0	0	0
Killingbeck and Seacroft	4818	0	3	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**South / South East Homes Leeds**

Ward	Stock	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat	Green	Morley Borough Independents	BNP
City and Hunslet	1938	0	3	0	0	0	
Beeston and Holbeck	2872	0	3	0	0	0	
Middleton Park	2340	0	3	0	0	0	
Ardsley and Robin Hood	959	0	3	0	0	0	
Kippax and Methley	194	0	3	0	0	0	
Cross Gates and Whinmoor	1991	0	3	0	0	0	
Garforth and Swillington	932	1	2	0	0	0	
Morley North	999	0	0	0	0	3	
Morley South	1163	0	0	0	0	2	1
Burmantofts and Richmond Hill (split with East/North East)	1464	0	0	3	0	0	
Rothwell	1379	0	0	3	0	0	
Temple Newsam (split with East/North East)	1672	2	1	0	0	0	
Harewood (split with South/South East)	191	3	0	0	0	0	
<b>Total</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>