

MEMBER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 29TH JUNE, 2010

PRESENT: Councillor P Gruen in the Chair

Councillors S Bentley, D Blackburn,
B Cleasby, J Dowson, T Hanley, G Hyde,
G Latty, T Leadley, M Lobley, E Nash and
J Procter

1 Chairs Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Municipal Year and invited those present to introduce themselves.

The Chair also thanked Councillors Bentley and J Procter for the manner in which they had chaired the Committee in previous years.

2 Late Items

The Chair admitted the following late item to the agenda as follows:

Investment Partnership for South Leeds (minute 7 refers)

To allow urgent consideration of the matter in order that the Council representatives can be appointed and attend meetings of the Partnership.

The Chair also reported that one additional piece of information that related to the report on Role Descriptions had been circulated (minute 12 refers)

3 Declarations of Interests

Councillor Gruen declared a personal interest in the item relating to the West Yorkshire Playhouse (minute 11 refers) as a Member of the Board.

Councillor G Hyde declared a personal interest in the item relating to ALMO Appointments (minute 15 refers) as a Member of East North East Homes

Councillor Lobley declared a personal interest in the item relating to Appointments to Outside Bodies (minute 16 refers) as the Chair of Re'new Leeds Ltd and Renewal Leeds Ltd

4 Minutes

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meetings held on 16th February 2010 and 20th April 2010 be approved as a correct record.

5 Matters Arising

Minute 42 refers (Update on ICT Matters)

A representative from ICT attended the meeting and provided Members with an update in respect of ICT projects and issues that impacted upon Members ; the main areas of discussion were;

- The provision of IT facilities to the 11 newly elected members
- Case Management System
- Broadband provision
- Support arrangements for Members
- Wireless provision within the Civic Hall

RESOLVED -

That a report be submitted to this meeting in October 2010 updating Members in relation to ICT for Members.

6 Civic Fostering Panel

The Chief Officer for Children and Young People's Social Care submitted a report seeking approval to designate the Civic Fostering Panel as a Strategic and Key Partnership and appoint members to that Panel.

RESOLVED -

- a) That the Civic Fostering Panel be designated as a Strategic and Key Partnership.
- b) That a pool of 5 members be agreed for this Panel.
- c) That the appointments/appointments be made as follows;
 - Councillor Coulson (Labour)
 - Councillor Morgan (Labour)
 - 1 Whips nominee (Conservative)
 - 1 Whips nominee (Liberal Democrat)
 - 1 Whips nominee (Morley Borough Independent)

7 South Leeds Investment Partnership

The Chief Planning Officer and Chief Regeneration Officer submitted a joint report providing Members with the latest position in relation to the work of the Investment Partnership for South Leeds (IPSL), and seeking approval for additional steering group members and substitutes should members be

unable to attend meetings. It also outlined the extension of the study area to include Hunslet, reflecting representations made at the consultation event held in October 2009.

RESOLVED –

- d) That the Investment Partnership for South Leeds be designated as a Strategic and Key Partnership.
- b) That the increase in size of the Investment Partnership for South Leeds steering group through adding 1 public and 1 private sector representative be noted .
- c) That the appointment of the 2 new members to the steering group be noted and supported:
 - Steve Williams, Chief Executive – Re’new (Chair of the PEG)
 - Bob Murray, Chairman – Sterling Capitol
- d) That the Members be appointed to the following positions as follows;
 - Executive Member for Development & Regeneration – Cllr R Lewis
 - Leader Morley Borough Independent Group – Cllr Finnigan
 - Lead Executive Member Children’s Services – Cllr Blake
 - Beeston and Holbeck ward member – Cllr Gabriel
 - Leader Liberal Democrat Group – Cllr Golton
- e) That the Members appointed be approached to nominate substitutes.

8 Council Representation on School Trusts

The Interim Director of Children’s Services submitted a report seeking support for involvement on the boards of School Trusts. The report specifically covered proposals for the Brigshaw Federation – A Co-operative Trust which has now been established.

RESOLVED –

- a) That the Brigshaw School Trust be designated as a Strategic and Key Partnership and that Member Management Committee be the appointing Body.
- b) That the position be allocated to the Labour Group as a Whips nominee.
- c) That a report be submitted to a future meeting detailing arrangements in respect of future Trusts.

9 Leeds Children's Trust Board

The Interim Director Of Children's Services submitted a report seeking a Member Management Committee appointment to the Children's Trust Board.

RESOLVED - That Councillor Dowson be appointed to the Children's Trust Board

10 Leeds Grand Theatre Board/Enterprises

The Chief Libraries, Arts and Heritage Officer submitted a report seeking the appointment of four Councillors in addition to the Chair to the Board of Leeds Grand Theatre and Opera House Ltd..

Further discussion followed on representation on similar organisations, particularly those receive financial support from the Council.

RESOLVED -

- a) That the following Members be appointed to the Board in addition to the Chair ,Councillor Ogilvie;
 - Councillor Nash
 - Councillor Mulherin
 - Councillor J Procter
 - Councillor Gettings

- b) That a report be brought to a future meeting of this Committee that details supports to similar organisations and what the Council's representation is on those organisations. The report should also provide information on whether representation on the organisation is proportionate to the Council's financial contribution.

11 West Yorkshire Playhouse

The Chief Libraries, Arts and Heritage Officer submitted a report seeking to finalise the appointment of elected members to the West Yorkshire Playhouse Board.

RESOLVED –

- a) That the Chief Libraries, Arts and Heritage Officer investigate the potential of making an additional seat on the Board a requirement of future Council grant support.
- b) That Councillor Townsley be appointed to the current vacancy on the Board.

12 Role Descriptions

The Chief Democratic Services Officer submitted a report presenting draft Member role descriptions for discussion.

RESOLVED – That the attached Member role descriptions be endorsed.

13 Member Development

The Chief Democratic Services Officer submitted a report providing the Member Development Annual Report for 2009/10. Member Development is a key component of the Council's Annual Corporate Governance Statement. The Member Development Annual Report details the achievements made in 2009/10 and outlines the actions to be taken in 2010/11.

The report also asked members to note the contents of the Member Development Annual Report 2009/10, and to agree the continuation of the Member Development Working Group and to determine its Membership.

RESOLVED -

- a) That the Member Development Annual Report 2009/10 be noted
- b) That the continuation of the Member Development Working Group as proposed in paragraph 2.3 of the report be agreed and that Councillor Dowson Chair this Group.

14 Members' Lounge

The Chief Democratic Services Officer submitted a report requesting that members establish a working group for the purposes of giving advice and guidance to officers on the development and management of the Members' lounge facility.

RESOLVED –

- a) That a working group be established for the purposes of giving advice and guidance for the operation and management of the Members' lounge and other accommodation matters with implications for Members.
- b) That Councillor Nash Chair the Group and that Cllr G Hyde and Lancaster serve on the group with 1 Conservative member.

15 ALMO appointments

The Head of Strategic Landlord submitted a report updating Members on the process for appointment of Council Board Members to ALMO Boards, outlining the current position and associated issues following the May 2010

local elections and recommending that the existing process is retained for the appointments to ALMO boards.

RESOLVED –

- a) That the process agreed in December 2006 for the appointment of Council Board Members to ALMO boards be re-affirmed
- b) That appointments to the ALMO Boards be made as follows;

Aire Valley Homes	Cllr Gruen (Labour) Cllr Driver (Labour) Cllr Golton (Liberal Democrat) Cllr Finnigan (MBI)
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East North East Homes	Cllr Wilkinson (Conservative) Cllr G Hyde (Labour) Cllr R Grahame (Labour) 1 x Lib Dem nominee
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West North West Homes	Cllr A Blackburn (Green) Cllr Lowe (Labour) Cllr Chastney (Liberal Democrat) 1 x Conservative nominee
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16 Appointments to Outside Bodies

The Chief Democratic Services Officer submitted a report outlining the Member Management Committee's role in relation to Elected Member Appointments to Outside Bodies and asking the Committee to agree a schedule detailing those organisations that the Council will continue to make an appointment to and agree the nominations to those organisations which fall to the Committee to make an appointment to.

Members discussed in detail the appointments to the various organisations and agreed the allocation of places..

RESOLVED -

- a) That the Appointments to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules appended to the report be noted.
- b) That the schedule appended to the report detailing those organisations that the Council will continue to make an appointment to be agreed
- c) That the nominations to those organisations which fall to the Committee to make an appointment to be agreed ;

- d) That Councillor Driver or in his absence Councillor A Blackburn be authorised to cast the Council's vote at the meeting of Groundwork Leeds;
- e) That the change of appointments since the last meeting of the Committee as detailed in 5.7 of the report be noted as follows;

Outside Body

Member Appointed

West Yorkshire Playhouse Theatre Board
Leeds Children's Trust Board
Leeds Initiative Climate Change

Councillor Gruen
Councillor Mulherin
Councillor Murray