



Report of the Chief Democratic Services Officer

Member Management Committee

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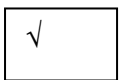
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Subject: Appointments to Outside Bodies

Electoral Wards Affected:

Alwoodley
Harewood
Bramley



Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Executive Summary

1. This report requests the Member Management Committee to agree to delete a number of appointments to various outside bodies previously made by Area Committees.

2. Report

1.1 Members are aware that the MMC is responsible for appointments to outside bodies. It considers requests from all outside bodies seeking Elected Member representation, and it determines the category of appointment i.e. Strategic and Key Partnership or Community and Local Engagement. MMC makes the appointments within the former category, and Community and Local Engagement category appointments are delegated to Area Committees.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 Over the course of time, occasionally appointments to outside bodies do become obsolete, for various reasons. This is recognized in the Appointments to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules, at Paragraph 4.12, which states that Area Committees may review the list of organizations.

3.0 Main Issues

3.1 Three such instances have recently arisen, two involving the NE Outer Area Committee and one the West Inner Area Committee.

Aberford Almshouses Trust

The Almshouses were established by the Gascoigne family of Lotherton Hall in 1846 to provide accommodation for farm workers and poor people of the area. The original Almshouses were sold to Leeds City Council in 1976 and from the proceeds

of the sale the Trustees purchased a piece of land from Mercantile Insurance (who at that time owned the Parlinton Estate). On this land they built Parlinton House, which contains 14 single and 14 double flats, and was opened on 1st January 1980 by Lady Sands, a descendent of the Gascoigne family. The flats have been re-furbished in recent years, and 6 further flats built.

The Council's current representatives on the Trust are ex-Councillor Alec Shelbrooke, whose four year appointment runs until July 2012, and ex-City and Parish Councillor Frank Watson, whose term of office expires in July 2011.

The arrangement for the Council to appoint two Trustees apparently dates back to the 1976 purchase of the original Almshouses by the Council. Ex – Councillor Shelbrooke MP has confirmed that unfortunately he no longer has the time to remain a Trustee, and none of the current Harewood Ward Members has the capacity to take on the appointment, given their other commitments. The Trust has been informed of the situation.

The NE Outer Area Committee therefore recommends the Member Management Committee that the appointments concerned be formally deleted from the list of appointments to outside bodies.

Moor Allerton Elderly Care

Moor Allerton Elderly Care (MAECare) is a registered Charity (Reg.No. 1100645) established by, and all times answerable to, Churches Together in Moor Allerton and Shadwell (CTMAS). Its aims are –

To improve the quality of life of older local people, regardless of religion or belief, race, disability, gender or sexual orientation;
Accepts and values each individual member, volunteer and employee;
Acts as a link to existing services and seeks to address unmet demand.

The Management Committee shall consist of not more than 20 people residing in, or members of churches in, the community of Moor Allerton or Shadwell, and is appointed annually by CTMAS at its AGM. Trustees do not have to be City Councillors, but the Council's nominee has always been a Local Member.

This is an annual appointment, and all three Alwoodley Ward Members have previously served on the MAECare Management Committee. In 2009/10, the NE Inner Area Committee, part of which area is covered by MAECare, was requested by the NE Outer Area Committee to consider making an appointment, and Councillor B Lancaster was appointed.

Councillor Lancaster has indicated that she no longer has the capacity to continue in this role, and none of the other Moortown Ward Members wish to take on the role again.

MAECare has been consulted, and has made it clear that they are not unduly concerned regarding having a Council representative on their management committee, as they know that they have the support of Local Members in delivering their services. In consultation, therefore, with MAECare and Councillor Harrand, it was agreed by the NE Outer Area Committee that this appointment was no longer regarded as a necessity.

In line with the Aberford Almshouses Trust situation outlined above, it is therefore recommended that the Member Management Committee also formally deletes Moor Allerton Elderly Care from the list of appointments to outside bodies.

Bramley Surestart

Surestart is a national/local government initiative aimed at giving every young child the best possible start in life. The Surestart Children's Centres concept is that providing integrated education with childcare, family support and health services are key factors in achieving good outcomes for children and parents.

The Council's previous representatives on Bramley Surestart, appointed by the West Inner Area Committee, were Councillor Taggart and Stephen McBarron, Area Committee Co-optee.

However, the organization is now defunct, and it is recommended by the West Inner Area Committee that it too be formally deleted from the list of appointments to outside bodies.

4.0 Implications For Council Policy And Governance

4.1 These appointments need to be formally removed from the official list of appointments to outside bodies by the MMC in order to establish a proper audit trail.

5.0 Legal And Resource Implications

5.1 There are no legal or resource implications.

6.0 Conclusions

6.1 Member Management Committee is requested to accede to the requests of the NE Outer and the West Inner Area Committees.

7.0 Recommendations

7.1 That the following organisations be formally deleted from the list of appointments to outside bodies :-

Aberford Almshouses Trust, Moor Allerton Elderly Care and Bramley Surestart.

8.0 Background Papers

Reports to NE Outer Area Committee, 20th September 2010, and West Inner Area Committee, 22nd June 2010.