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**Report of the Chief Democratic Services Officer**

**Member Management Committee**

**Date: 23rd November 2010**

**Subject: Member Involvement in Grant Funded Organisations**

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**Electoral Wards Affected:**



Ward Members consulted  
(referred to in report)

**Specific Implications For:**

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

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**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To consider the proposals for a piece of work to be undertaken as to how Leeds City Council could have greater representation on the Boards/Committees of organisations that currently receive a grant from Leeds City Council.

**2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 Members will be aware that this Committee has the responsibility in accordance with the Appointments to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules for determining whether the Council should make an appointment to an organisation, categorising any such appointment and for those categorised as a Strategic and Key Partnership then this Committee will also act as the appointing body.
- 2.2 Members of this Committee have previously expressed a view that there should be a mechanism in place that allows Member Management Committee to receive periodic feed back on those organisations that the Council appoints a representative to.
- 2.3 Members have also expressed a view that some work should be undertaken to consider how Leeds City Council might have greater involvement with those organisations to which the Council currently pays a significant amount of grant, preferably by having elected member representation on the Board/Committee of the organisations involved.
- 2.3 Leeds City Council currently makes grants to a wide range of organisations and Member representation on these organisations is varied.

### **3.0 MAIN ISSUES**

- 3.1 This report proposes that the Chief Officer Democratic Services and the Chief Libraries, Arts and Heritage Officer undertake a joint piece of work that will identify those organisations that receive grant aid in excess of £100k (the financial criteria for a major decision).
- 3.2 It is proposed that the piece of work should establish which of the organisations receiving a grant in excess of £100k the Council currently appoints a representative to and should also present proposals to Members on how representation might be achieved on those organisations that receive a grant in excess of £100k but do not currently have an elected member serving on their Board/Committee.
- 3.3 It is further proposed that consideration should be given to which organisations receive a grant that is less than £100k but is considered to have a significant impact on 1 or more wards (this is also part of the criteria for determining what is a major decision).
- 3.4 The report back will also include proposals as to how Member Management Committee might receive feedback on the work of those organisations that are identified as a result of the criteria established in 3.1 and 3.3 above.
- 3.5 The report will also seek to clarify the role of members when appointed to an organisation as a Trustee.
- 3.6 Members will be aware that the Appointment to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules require that a Lead Officer should be identified for each Outside Body categorised as a Strategic and Key partnership. It is proposed that as part of this piece of work this requirement be reviewed and proposals presented to Members as to how it might be more relevant for those organisations identified as a result of the work proposed at 3.1 and 3.3 to have an allocated Lead Officer .

### **4.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL POLICY AND GOVERNANCE**

- 4.1 There are no specific implications as a result of this report although there may be a requirement to amend the Appointment to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules dependant upon recommendations of future reports.

### **5.0 LEGAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 There are no specific legal or resource implications in respect of this report.

### **6.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 6.1 Members are asked to note the contents of the report.
- 6.2 That the Chief Democratic Service Officer and Chief Libraries, Arts and Heritage Officer to submit a further report as soon as possible in respect of the proposals detailed in paras 3.1 to 3.6 of the report.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Appointment to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules