



Report of the Chief Democratic Services Officer

Member Management Committee

Date: 12th January 2011

Subject: Local Authority Appointments to Outside Bodies

Electoral Wards Affected:



Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

1.1 Further to the meeting of this Committee in November 2010, and confirmation of nominations received to date, this report:

- provides an update on the current position regarding member appointments; and
- seeks to confirm member nominations to remaining vacancies.

2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2.1 This is the third meeting of the Member Management Committee since the Annual Meeting of Council to make Elected Member appointments to Outside Bodies. The attached schedule at Appendix 1 details the current position.

2.2 Vacancies exist on a number of outside bodies. Member Management Committee is asked to consider the vacancies detailed in Appendix 1 and make appointments to them.

3.0 MAIN ISSUES

Lady Elizabeth Hastings' Educational Foundation

3.1 As Members may recall, at the last Member Management Committee meeting it was reported that officers had received correspondence from Carter Jonas who act as Clerk to Lady Elizabeth Hastings' Educational Foundation.

3.2 The letter informed the Council that the trustees were currently working on a major re-organisation of the charity, as part of the re-organisation the trustees had looked at the way the charity's trustees are appointed and were considering how they could bring this in line with modern practices.

- 3.3 In order to give greater flexibility and to more easily choose trustees with the relevant skills, the trustees wish to end the system of ex-officio and nominative trustees. The Council's current nominative trustee is former Councillor Mike Fox and officers understand that he is comfortable with the proposal.
- 3.4 The Council was therefore asked to formally relinquish the right to nominate a trustee to the charity. Members resolved that they did not wish to relinquish the right to nominate a trustee, and suggested that the Council nominate an elected Member to the charity to replace former Councillor Mike Fox. Officers wrote to Carter Jonas to relay this information, however a response has not yet been received.
- 3.5 Lady Elizabeth Hastings' Educational Foundation is currently categorised as a Strategic and Key Partnership and any appointments to it are therefore made by Member Management Committee. Members may wish to consider whether they would prefer to categorise it as Community and Local Engagement, with any appointments being made by the appropriate Area Committee.
- 3.6 The charity provides grants to individuals in the parishes of Burton Salmon, Thorp Arch, Collingham with Harewood, Bardsey with East Keswick, Shadwell and Ledsham with Fairburn. All of these areas fall within the remit of the North East (Outer) Area Committee, apart from Ledsham with Fairburn which falls within the remit of the East (Outer) Area Committee, and Burton Salmon which comes under Selby District Council.
- 3.7 The Appointments to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules state that 'where it is not clear which Area Committee should make an appointment, the Member Management Committee will refer the request to the relevant Area Committee Chairs who will determine which is the appropriate Area Committee to make the appointment. This will then be reported to the next meeting of the Area Committee'.
- 3.8 Members are asked to confirm whether they wish to categorise Lady Elizabeth Hastings' Educational Foundation as Community and Local Engagement.

Appointments Made Since November 2010

- 3.9 Members are advised that since the last meeting of the Committee the following change of appointments have been confirmed by the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) in accordance with the Appointments to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules (4.6):

Outside Body	Member Appointed	Member Replaced	Date
West North West Homes ALMO	Councillor P Wadsworth	Councillor A Carter	01/12/10
Leeds Initiative Economy & Skills Partnership	Councillor B Anderson	Councillor A Carter	01/12/10
West Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority District Liaison Committee	Councillor C Campbell	Whips nominee	13/12/10
11-19(25) Learning and Support Partnership	Councillor S Bentley	Whips nominee	13/12/10
Temple Newsam Learning Partnership School Trust	Councillor M Lyons	Whips nominee	23/12/10

4.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL POLICY AND GOVERNANCE

- 4.1 The member appointments referred to in paragraph 3.9 are in accordance with the Council's Constitution and as detailed in the Appointments to Outside Body Procedure Rules. Members are also advised of the need to update their entry in the Members register of interests.
- 4.2 In accordance with the Appointments to Outside Body Procedure Rules a Lead Officer has been identified in respect of those organisations that the Council appoints a representative to.

5.0 LEGAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no specific legal or resource implications in relation to these appointments.

6.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 Members are asked to:
- Confirm whether they wish to categorise Lady Elizabeth Hastings' Educational Foundation as Community and Local Engagement, noting that the Chairs of the North East (Outer) and East (Outer) Area Committees would determine which is the appropriate Area Committee to make appointments to this charity;
 - Consider the current position in relation to elected Member appointments to outside bodies detailed in Appendix 1; and
 - Note the change of appointments since the last meeting of the Committee as detailed in paragraph 3.9 of the report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appointments to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules