
Report of Chief Officer, Democratic and Central Services

Report to Member Management Committee

Date: 31st January 2012

Subject: Local Authority Appointments to Outside Bodies

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

1. This report provides an update on the current position regarding Member appointments to outside bodies and seeks to confirm Member nominations to remaining vacancies.
2. There are currently a number of issues relating to outside body appointments (outlined in section 3 of the report), which the Committee is asked to consider.
3. A list of appointments made since the last meeting of Member Management Committee is also provided for information.

Recommendations

4. Members are asked to:
 - Consider the current position in relation to elected Member appointments to outside bodies detailed in Appendix 1;
 - Consider current issues relating to outside body appointments, as detailed in paragraphs 3.1 – 3.5 of the report; and
 - Note the change of appointments since the last meeting of the Committee as detailed in paragraph 3.6 of this report.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 Further to the meeting of this Committee in October 2011, and confirmation of nominations received to date, this report:
- provides an update on the current position regarding Member appointments to outside bodies; and
 - seeks to confirm Member nominations to remaining vacancies.

2 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 Main issues

Investigation of Air Pollution Standing Conference

- 3.1 At its meeting on 25th October 2011, the Committee resolved that ‘the Governance Officer liaise with Councillor Murray to ascertain whether membership of the Investigation of Air Pollution Standing Conference (IAPSC) is worthwhile, and report back to the next Member Management Committee meeting’.
- 3.2 The lead officer for this body (Jon Tubby, Environmental Protection Service Manager) has explained that Councillor Murray didn’t attend any of the conferences due to other diary commitments. As the membership cost (£232.00 for 2011/12) now only obtains one place at each conference rather than two, officers discussed withdrawing from IAPSC with Councillor Dobson, and the decision was made not to renew the Council’s membership for 2011/12. Members of the Committee are asked to consider whether they would wish to appoint a Member to IAPSC in future years.

School Cluster Partnerships – Inner North West Hub

- 3.3 As Members will recall, at the last meeting of this Committee, it was agreed to appoint one or two Members to each Cluster Partnership. In relation to the Inner North West Hub, it was agreed that two Members be appointed from the Kirkstall, Adel and Wharfedale and/or Headingley wards. Since that meeting, it has been requested that three Members be appointed to this Cluster (one from each of the relevant wards). Members are therefore asked to approve this amendment.

School Cluster Partnerships – Morley

- 3.4 At the last meeting of the Committee, it was agreed to appoint two Members to the Morley Cluster, one from the Morley North ward and one from the Morley South ward. It has since been requested that the three Members be appointed to this Cluster in order that a Member of both the Labour and Morley Borough Independent groups can be appointed from the Morley South ward. Members are therefore asked to approve this amendment.

Leeds Admissions Forum

- 3.5 The Education Act 2011 removed the requirement on English local authorities to establish an admission forum for their area. Therefore, the Leeds Admissions Forum has now ceased to exist and has been removed from the Council's list of Outside Bodies.

Appointments made since October 2011

- 3.6 Members are advised that since the last meeting of the Committee the following change of appointments have been confirmed by the Director of Resources in accordance with the Appointments to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules (4.6):

Outside Body	Member Appointed	Member Replaced	Date
National Parking Adjudication Service Committee	E Taylor	T Murray	20/10/11
Environmental Protection UK	N Walshaw	T Murray	20/10/11
Leeds Initiative – Health and Wellbeing Board	S Golton	Whips nominee	17/11/11
Leeds West Academy Governing Body	L Yeadon	Whips nominee	22/11/11
Cluster - Farnley	A Blackburn	Whips nominee	12/12/11
Leeds Initiative - Stronger Communities Partnership	B Anderson	JL Carter	22/12/11

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 Group Whips are consulted in relation to any appointments made outside of Member Management Committee.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.1 There are no equality and diversity or cohesion and integration implications as a result of this report.

4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

- 4.3.1 Under the Appointments to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules, Member Management Committee is asked to review the list of notified Outside Bodies on an annual basis and determine whether the Council should make/continue to make an appointment to those bodies.

- 4.3.2 Determination is based on one or more of the following criteria being met:

- the proposed appointment is a statutory requirement;
- the proposed appointment would be consistent with the Council's policy or strategic objectives; and/or
- the proposed appointment would add value to the Council's activities.

4.4 Resources and Value for Money

- 4.4.1 There are no resource implications as a result of this report.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 Full Council has delegated responsibility to Member Management Committee for:

- determining which outside bodies should have Member representation and, by determining the category of each such outside body, determining how such appointments should be made; and
- making appointments to outside bodies categorised as Strategic and Key Partnership.

4.5.2 This report relates to a Council function and therefore, is not available for call-in.

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 There are no risk implications as a result of this report.

5 Conclusions

5.1 The current position in relation to elected Member appointments to outside bodies is detailed in Appendix 1, and vacancies exist on a number of bodies. There are a number of issues relating to outside bodies which are outlined in paragraphs 3.1 to 3.5 of the report. The appointments made since the last meeting of Member Management Committee are detailed in paragraph 3.6 of the report.

6 Recommendations

6.1 Members are asked to:

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7 Background documents

7.1 Appointments to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules