

Stourbridge Area Committee – 17th October, 2011

Report of the Area Liaison Officer

Appointments to Outside Bodies

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the appointment of representatives to serve on the Margaret Westwood Memorial Charity and Bishop Hall's Charity for the Advancement of the Christian Religion.

Background

2. The Secretary of the Margaret Westwood Memorial Charity has informed the Council that one of its nominative Trustees, Mr A Fisher, has died.
3. Mr Fisher was appointed for a four year term by this Committee at its meeting held on 15th June, 2011.
4. The Committee are therefore requested to consider the appointment of a nominative Trustee to replace Mr Fisher for the remainder of the four year term ending on 22nd March, 2014
5. The Council's other nominative Trustee is a Mr P Pinfield who was appointed by this Committee at its meeting held on 28th June, 2010 and details about the Charity are attached as an Appendix to this report.
6. Regarding Bishop Hall's Charity for the Advancement of the Christian Religion, the Honorary Clerk has informed the Council that its representative ,a Mr WA Green ,has died.
7. The Council under a Scheme of the Charity Commission can appoint one nominative trustee, to represent the former Borough of Stourbridge, the area of benefit of the Charity being the Ancient Parish of Stourbridge.
8. The person appointed need not be a Councillor but shall be a member of some organisation for the advancement of Christianity in the area of benefit.
9. The period of appointment is for four years and the trustees meet once a year.
10. A Mr Michael Davies of Wollaston,a person known to other trustees and well known to and recommended by the late Mr Green has been suggested to the Committee as a person who could be appointed as the new nominative trustee.

Finance

11. Budgetary provision is made in the Council's overall Budget to cover the costs of appointing Council representatives to outside organisations.

Law

12. The statutory provisions relating to the above matter are contained in Section 111 of the Local Government Act, 1972, which enables the Council to do anything that is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of its various statutory functions.
13. The rules of "proportionality" to reflect the political balance of the Committee do not apply to the appointment referred to in this report.
14. The persons appointed may be but need not be Elected Members of the Council.

Equality Impact

15. The proposals in this report take into account the Council policy on equality and diversity.

Recommendation

16. (a) The Committee are requested to consider the appointment of a nominative trustee to the Margaret Westwood Memorial Charity for the remainder of the four year term ending on 22nd March, 2014.

(b) To consider, and if agreeable, appoint Mr Michael Davies, of Wollaston, as the Council's nominative trustee for the former Borough of Stourbridge on Bishop Hall's Charity for the Advancement of the Christian Religion for a four year period commencing on 18th October, 2011.



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List of Background Papers

None.