

**Subject:**

Richard Whitaker Almshouses Charity and  
the Richard Whitaker Charity

**Status:** For Publication

**Report to:** The Council

**Date:** 29<sup>th</sup> August 2007

**Report of:** Head of Planning, Legal and Democratic Services

**Portfolio**

**Holder:** A Well Managed Council

**Key Decision:** No

Forward Plan

General Exception

Special Urgency

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To ask the Full Council to consider the appointments to the Richard Whitaker Almshouses Charity and the Richard Whitaker Charity.

**2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

2.1 The matters discussed in this Report are linked to and support the following corporate priorities:

- Well Managed Council (Improvement, Community Network)

**3. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 There are no specific risks arising from this report.

**4. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS**

4.1 There are two charities relating to Richard Whitaker. First, the Richard Whitaker Almshouses Charity and the second is the Richard Whitaker Charity. The Mayor of Rossendale is ex-officio a member of the trustee body of each of the two charities.

4.2 The Richard Whitaker Almshouses Charity manages the housing stock, a total of 8 which are located across from Whitaker Park, Rawtenstall. The Richard Whitaker Charity allocates grants to young people and students.

4.3 The Council has the right to nominate one more member of the trustee body. Woodcocks Solicitors are Clerk to the Trustees and a letter has been received from them asking the Council to consider appointing Mr Jack Medlock as

trustee. Mr Jack Medlock was a long standing employee of Rossendale and has, for very many years, been the nominee of the Council even after he retired. The period of nomination for Mr Medlock is four years and his most recent period of nomination ends this year. Mr Medlock has indicated a willingness to continue as a trustee and has wide experience of the affairs of the two trusts.

## **5. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF FINANCIAL SERVICES**

5.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

## **6. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

6.1 There are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

## **7. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

7.1 There are no specific human resource implications arising from this report.

## **8. CONCLUSION**

8.1 The role of representative on outside bodies is important in establishing and maintaining communications regarding issues affecting the community.

## **9. RECOMMENDATIONS**

9.1 That the Full Council confirms the appointment of Mr Jack Medlock to serve as Trustee for a period of four years.

## **10. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT**

10.1 Woodcocks Solicitors

## **11. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

Is an Equality Impact Assessment required      No

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