



**Report to:** Council

**Date of Meeting:** 28 June 2007

**Report from:** Head of Legal & Democratic Services

**Title of Report:** Outside Body Nomination re Waldrige Village Hall

**Agenda Item Number:** **12**

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**1. PURPOSE AND SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The purpose of this Report is to consider making a nomination of a councillor to serve on Waldrige Village Hall trust.
- 1.2 A request has been received by letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> June 2007 from the current trustees for a representative from Chester-le-Street District Council to serve on that body.

**2. CONSULTATION**

- 2.1 Members are being consulted through the means of this report.

**3. CORPORATE PLAN AND PRIORITIES**

- 3.1 Working with the community to deliver action at the neighbourhood level is priority 5.

**4. IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Financial

4.1.1 None

4.2 Legal

4.2.1 None

### 4.3 Personnel

4.3.1 None

### 4.4 Other Services

4.4.1 No direct implications.

### 4.5 Diversity

4.5.1 No direct implications.

### 4.6 Risk

4.6.1 The risk to the community is that the trust could be wound up.

4.6.2 In addition, the Parish Representative will be able to further promote the ethical agenda as part of the establishment.

### 4.7 Crime and Disorder

4.7.1 Community facilities assist in the reduction and prevention of crime and disorder.

### 4.8 Other Implications

4.8.1 None

## **5. BACKGROUND, POSITION STATEMENT AND OPTION APPRAISAL**

5.1 The current trustees of Waldrige Village Hall are in the process of transferring their responsibilities to a new user group comprising the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Chester-le-Street Scout Group and representatives from the local community who will become the new trustees.

5.2 I am advised that the Charity Commission have approved the proposed transfer in principal but have stipulated that one named representative each from Chester-le-Street District Council and Durham Local Education Authority must also serve as trustees of Waldrige Village Hall Association..

5.3 The Charity Commission has requested the current trustees to provide these names for inclusion in the scheme to be drawn up for the governance of the Association.

5.4 To enable progress to be made a request has been made for the Council to nominate a representative to the trustees as soon as possible to allow the trustees to meet the requirements of the Charity Commission and to finalise the arrangements for the transfer of responsibility.

**6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 6.1 That the Council nominates a councillor to serve as a trustee on the Waldrige Village Hall Association

**7. BACKGROUND PAPERS / DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO**

- 7.1 Letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> June 2007 from the trustees.

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