






Report of: Head of Legal and Democratic Services
To: Executive Board
Date: 3rd December, 2007 **Item No:**
Title of Report : APPOINTMENT TO THE PORCH STEPPIN' STONE CENTRE

 **Summary and Recommendations**


 **Purpose of report:** To consider and agree appointing a representative to The Porch Steppin' Stone Centre for the remainder of the 2007/08 Council Year and subsequent years.


 **Key decision:** No



 **Scrutiny Responsibility:** Not Applicable

 **Area(s) affected:** All

Report Approved by:
Portfolio Holder: Councillor Rundle – Stronger Communities
Legal Services: Jeremy Thomas
Financial Services: Nichola Stretton

 **Policy Framework:** None

 **Recommendation(s):** This report informs the Board of a request from The Porch Steppin' Stone Centre asking for City Council representation on its Management Committee, either as a voting member or an observer and **RECOMMENDS** that one representative be nominated as a non-voting observer.

-  1. The Porch has contacted me to ask the Board to consider appointing a representative to its Steppin' Stone centre management committee either as a voting member or non-voting observer.
-  2. The Steppin' Stone Centre provides day long support for homeless and vulnerably housed people wanting to move forward in their lives,

away from street-life and addiction. It is open every day of the week except Wednesday.

Its mission is to help homeless, recently housed or vulnerably housed people. It encourages its members to tackle the issue of apathy, addiction and unemployment, and to move forward towards a positive lifestyle. It also provides healthy food, practical help, companionship, learning skills and opportunities for development.

3. For some time now, the Council's policy, when considering appointing to new bodies, has been to appoint as a non-voting observer, to avoid any risk of liability to the nominee. If the Board is minded to nominate to this body I would recommend it be as a non-voting observer.
4. The Board is recommended to nominate one representative to the Porch Steppin' Stone Centre as a non-voting observer.

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Background papers: None

