

MINUTE EXTRACT

CONSTITUTION AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

24 FEBRUARY, 2021

16 AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION - HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Philip McCourt, Director of Law and Governance introduced the report, which detailed a proposed change to the Constitution to enable the Leader of the Council to nominate another member of the Health and Wellbeing Board as Chair of the Board. The Director of Law and Governance further outlined a forthcoming wider review of the Health and Wellbeing Board to prepare the Council for any changes required as a result of the anticipated legislative changes that would require the implementation of a integrated care system with the NHS and the statutory functions this would place upon the Health and Wellbeing Board.

A Member commented that given that the proposed review of the Health and Wellbeing Board had not yet taken place, the alteration could be delayed to await the outcome of such review. In response, the Leader of the Council outlined that consultation with the Local Government Association had been undertaken, and it was deemed good practice to appoint alternative members of the Board as its Chair, including the lead member for Adult Social Care and in some cases the Chair of the Clinical Commissioning Group.

A further discussion ensued in respect to the possibility of enabling the Health and Wellbeing Board to appoint its own Chair, and the suitability of non-Councillors being appointed as Chair. It was suggested that the Health and Wellbeing Board would benefit from the expertise the Chair of the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee would bring as Chair of the Board, and that the Board would also benefit from the continuity such appointment would allow over and above allowing the Board to appoint its own Chair.

An amendment to the recommendation was proposed by Councillor Phil Gilchrist and seconded by Councillor Steve Hayes, to include 'or another elected member as their nominee'.

Resolved (8:3) – That

it be recommended to Council that in respect to the Health & Wellbeing Board Terms of Reference as detailed in Part 3b Section 16.4 of the Constitution, 'Chairing the Board' be revised to read 'The Board will be chaired by the Leader of the Council (or another elected member as their nominee)'.