



HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Wednesday, 16 June 2021

REPORT TITLE:	HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD MEMBERSHIP AND CO-OPTION
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE

REPORT SUMMARY

The report provides the Health and Wellbeing Board with an overview of its formal membership as contained within the recently revised Wirral Council Constitution and seeks to formalise any co-options to the Board.

The report also gives the Board the opportunity to consider its formal membership and operating and propose any amendments to the Constitution and Standards Committee.

RECOMMENDATION/S

The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

1. Note the Health and Wellbeing Board's current membership.
2. Elect any individuals it sees fit for co-option to the Health and Wellbeing Board.
3. Recommend to the Constitution and Standards Committee that reference to the three divisions of the NHS Clinical Commissioning Group be removed from the Health and Wellbeing Board's Terms of Reference.
4. Recommend any further amendments to the Core or Appointed Membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board for consideration by the Constitution and Standards Committee.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 To make the Board aware of its membership and to clarify which members have voting rights.
- 1.2 To confirm and formalise the co-option of any additional members the Board wishes to appoint in accordance with its Terms of Reference.
- 1.3 To enable the Board to consider its membership.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 An alternative option was to not update the Board on its membership and not confirm its co-options. However, updating the Board on its current membership assists in the effective management of its meetings and ensures the Board are utilising its ability to co-opt additional members.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 sets out that a local authority must establish a Health and Wellbeing Board for its area, and prescribes the membership must contain a minimum of that outlined at 3.2.
- 3.2
 - (a) at least one councillor of the local authority
 - (b) the director of adult social services for the local authority
 - (c) the director of children's services for the local authority
 - (d) the director of public health for the local authority
 - (e) a representative of the Local Healthwatch organisation for the area of the local authority
 - (f) a representative of each relevant clinical commissioning group
 - (g) such other persons, or representatives of such other persons, as the local authority thinks appropriate.
- 3.3 Health and Wellbeing Boards were largely created to best fit those Council's operating Executive arrangements, and therefore the Board may wish to consider how the Health and Wellbeing Board, its operation and its membership can be developed to better fit the Committee system and political proportionality.
- 3.4 At its meeting on 28 September 2020, the Council adopted a revised Constitution within which contained the Terms of Reference and membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board. The membership is included at 3.5.
- 3.5 **Core Membership**
 - (i) Five (5) elected Members of Wirral Borough Council, being the:
 - (1) Leader (or Deputy Leader) of the Council;

- (2) The Chair (or Vice Chair) of the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee;
- (3) The Chair (or Vice Chair) of the Children, Young People and Education Committee; and
- (4) The leaders (or nominee) of the two largest opposition Political Groups;

- (i) the Chief Executive of Wirral Borough Council;
- (ii) the Director of Adult Social Services of Wirral Borough Council;
- (iii) the Director of Children's Services of Wirral Borough Council;
- (iv) the Director of Public Health of Wirral Borough Council;
- (v) the Chair of Wirral NHS Clinical Commissioning Group;
- (vi) the Accountable Officer of Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group;
- (vii) a representative of HealthWatch; and a Representative from the Local Area Team: Cheshire, Warrington and Wirral, NHS England

Appointed Membership

- (i) A senior officer of Wirral Borough Council responsible for housing policy and services;
- (ii) Chief Executive, Voluntary & Community Action Wirral;
- (iii) Chief Executive, Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust;
- (iv) Chief Executive, Wirral Community NHS Foundation Trust;
- (v) Chief Executive, Cheshire & Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust;
- (vi) Chief Executive, Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust;
- (vii) Representatives from the three divisions of the NHS Clinical Commissioning Group to present annual commissioning plan;
- (viii) Representative from Merseyside Police;
- (ix) Representative from Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service; and
- (x) Representative from Jobcentre Plus

3.6 Due to Covid-19, the Health and Wellbeing Board has only met once since the implementation of the revised Constitution. Therefore, it is timely for the Board to consider its membership at the first meeting of the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

3.7 The Health and Wellbeing Board is a partnership body and has historically invited attendees from various organisations to attend and contribute to meetings, and in some cases co-opted them to the Board.

3.8 In light of the revised Terms of Reference, the report gives the Board an opportunity to co-opt any individuals it wishes to that are not currently members of the Board, including any that may have previously been co-opted.

3.9 The report also gives the Board an opportunity to make recommendations for amendments to its core membership to the Constitution and Standards Committee.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no financial implications.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Any individual co-opted to the Health and Wellbeing Board will be a non-voting member.
- 5.2 Changes to the formal membership as defined in the Constitution would require endorsement by the Constitution and Standards Committee and approval by Council.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: STAFFING, ICT AND ASSETS

- 6.1 There are no resource implications.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 7.1 Having an unclear membership risks decision making not being taken in accordance with the defined Terms of Reference.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

- 8.1 No additional consultation has been undertaken.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are no direct equality implications.

10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 There are no environmental and climate implications.

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APPENDICES

N/A

BACKGROUND PAPERS

The Health and Social Care Act 2012
 Council Constitution

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date