



HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Thursday, 29 September 2022

REPORT TITLE:	CO-OPTION OF REGISTERED SOCIAL LANDLORD
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE

REPORT SUMMARY

This report recommends a co-option to the Board to represent Registered Social Landlords.

RECOMMENDATION/S

The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to Co-opt onto the Health and Wellbeing Board the Chief Executive, or their representative, of Magenta to represent Registered Social Landlords.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 To confirm and formalise the co-option of a representative of Magenta onto the Board as a representative of Registered Social Landlords.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 An alternative option was to not include a representative of Registered Social Landlords (RSL). However, including a representative of Registered Social Landlords allows them to be more involved in discussion on the health and wellbeing work undertaken on the Wirral.
- 2.2 There was the option of selecting another representative of the housing sector but this would inevitably be a company that was smaller than Magenta as the largest RSL and therefore bring less breadth of experience and industry awareness. Magenta chaired the Strategic Housing Partnership which was an important link for the HWB with all Housing Providers.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is a partnership body and has historically invited attendees from various organisations to participate in meetings or be co-opted to the Board to support effective decision-making.

Registered Social Landlords

- 3.2 Registered Social Landlords are independent housing organisations registered with the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) under the Housing Act 1996. Most are housing associations, but there are also trusts, co-operatives and companies.
- 3.3 Officers feel that the Health and Wellbeing Board would benefit from representation from the Housing sector and envisaged this to be achieved through a lead Registered Social Landlord (RSL). This is a key strategic role as healthy homes promote good physical and mental health. Good health depends on having homes that are safe and free from physical hazards. In contrast, poor quality and inadequate housing contributes to health problems such as chronic diseases and injuries and can have harmful effects on childhood development. In the refreshed Health and Wellbeing Strategy for 2022 there is a section that specifically references the importance of Housing to Health and Wellbeing and sets out a number of deliverables.
- 3.4 Magenta are Wirral's largest social landlord with houses, bungalows and apartments across Wirral and Cheshire. They offer a range of modern energy efficient accommodation with secure tenancies, no deposits and lower rent than the private sector. They are a not-for-profit organisation, owning and managing just under 13,000 properties and employing around 500 staff. Magenta chaired the Strategic Housing Partnership which was an important link for the HWB with all Housing Providers.

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.

7.2 Not having a representative of RSL risks clients and companies from that sector not having a voice when the Board considers policies that may affect them.

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 direct environmental and climate implications.

11.0 COMMUNITY WEALTH IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There were no community wealth implications as a result of this report although the inclusion of RSLs on the Health and Wellbeing Board may have indirect social wealth benefits by influencing the engagement of clients of RSLs in health or wellbeing programmes, and the influence of RSLs in influencing those programmes.

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APPENDICES

None.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

The Health and Social Care Act 2012
Council Constitution

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Health and Wellbeing Board membership	16 June 2021