



CONSTITUTION AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

28 September 2023

REPORT TITLE:	CHESHIRE AND MERSEYSIDE HEALTH AND CARE PARTNERSHIP JOINT COMMITTEE
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to establish the Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership as a Joint Committee within Wirral Council's Constitution.

The Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership has been in place since 2020 as a collaborative body between relevant partners and stakeholders, and following the requirement for the establishment of an Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) which is a statutory committee formed between an NHS Integrated Care Board and all upper-tier local authorities within the same Integrated Care System are, Cheshire and Merseyside ICP will be known as the Health and Care Partnership.

Council agreed to appoint to the Health and Care Partnership as an outside body at its meeting in December 2022. The Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership has since been established as a Joint Committee under S116ZA of the Health & Social Care Act 2022 and this report seeks to enable Wirral Council to adopt the Joint Committee arrangements and appoint to the Health and Care Partnership.

The Partnership will have one elected member from each of the nine Cheshire and Merseyside Local Authorities, with provision for deputies as required.

The matter affects all wards and is not a key decision.

The inclusion of the Health and Care Partnership as a formal Joint Committee supports the Council in delivering against the Wirral Plan 2021-2026 Active and Healthy Live priority.

RECOMMENDATION/S

The Constitution and Standards Committee is requested to recommend to Council that:

- (1) the Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership be established as a Joint Committee.
- (2) the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board and a named deputy be appointed to represent the Council on the Cheshire and Merseyside Health

and Care Partnership.

- (3) the Director of Law and Governance be authorised to make any necessary changes to the Council's Constitution.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

1.1 The Council is required to establish an ICP as a joint committee.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

2.1 No other options were considered beyond those outlined in the report.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 An ICP is a statutory committee which is formed between an NHS Integrated Care Board and all upper-tier local authorities that fall within the same Integrated Care System (ICS) area. The ICP will play a critical role within the ICS with the intent to bring together a broad alliance of partners concerned with improving the care, health and wellbeing of the population, with membership determined locally.

3.2 Cheshire and Merseyside (C&M) has an established Health and Care Partnership, which has been in place since 2020 and is the committee from which the C&M ICS's ICP will develop from. It has been proposed that the new ICP will be known as / referred to as the Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership (HCP) because this is a trusted and well-respected brand with partners and stakeholders.

3.3 The core membership of the Health and Care Partnership is included in the Terms of Reference appended to the report, and includes one elected member from each of the nine Cheshire and Merseyside Local Authorities.

3.4 The HCP will work in conjunction with the nine C&M Health and Wellbeing Boards where appropriate to help achieve common objectives and aims to benefit the population. It is therefore proposed that the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board is the nominated representative.

3.5 Where it is not possible for the appointed member to attend, provision is made for a deputy to attend.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Attendance by elected members at meetings of the Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership has been designated as an approved duty unless there are specific reasons for not doing so (e.g. where another authority pays expenses to its members). Travel and subsistence will be paid in accordance with the Members Allowance Scheme.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 ICPs are established in legislation by the insertion of a new Section 116ZA to the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. Section 116ZA of the 2007 Act imposes an express obligation on an ICB and all relevant local authorities whose area coincides with or falls wholly or partly within the ICBs area to establish an ICP as a joint committee.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT; STAFFING AND ASSETS

6.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

7.1 There is a requirement under the Council's Constitution that the Annual Council meeting shall appoint Members to outside organisations. Not to appoint would mean that the Council would fail to fulfil its statutory duty as required by the Health & Social Care Act 2022.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT / CONSULTATION

8.1 The matter was previously considered by Council in December 2022 to appoint to the Health and Care Partnership as an outside body. This report is now presented for consideration to ratify and appoint to the HCP as a joint committee.

9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are none arising directly from this report, however, some of the organisations to which nominations are made represent such groups as the elderly, ethnic minorities and those with disabilities.

10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

11.0 COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership Terms of Reference

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Council Constitution

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The report is being considered by the Constitution and Standards Committee in accordance with Section 11.2(a) of the Terms of Reference 'to keep the Council's constitutional arrangements under review and to make recommendations as to amendments and improvements to the Council's Constitution, including the codes and protocols.'

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Council	5 December 2022