



COUNCIL

5 December 2022

REPORT TITLE:	CHESHIRE AND MERSEYSIDE HEALTH AND CARE PARTNERSHIP
REPORT OF:	HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES (MONITORING OFFICER)

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to request the Council to nominate representatives to serve on the Cheshire and Merseyside (C&M) Health and Care Partnership (HCP) for the remainder of the 2022/23 Municipal Year.

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.

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.

Appointing a member to the Health and Care Partnership supports the Council in delivering against the Wirral Plan 2021-2026 Active and Healthy Live priority.

RECOMMENDATION/S

The Council is requested to appoint or nominate, as the case may be, the Leader of the Council, as Chair of Health and Wellbeing Board, and a named deputy to represent the Council on the Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 The Council is required to appoint a Councillor to the Health and Care Partnership.

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 members 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 The establishment of an Integrated Care Partnership is a requirement of the Health and Care Act 2022.

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.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT / CONSULTATION

8.1 It is for political groups to decide how they wish to allocate their outside body places.

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

N/A

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Council Constitution
Health and Care Partnership Terms of Reference

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The report is being considered by Council as appointments to Outside Bodies is a function reserved to Council in accordance with Part 3 Section A of the Constitution, specifically 2(i)(q) Nomination of councillors and other persons to outside bodies.

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date