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## Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

7<sup>th</sup> July 2010

Report of the Head of Civic, Legal & Democratic Services

### **LINKs<sup>1</sup> Statutory Stakeholder Group**

#### **Summary**

1. This report asks Members to note the contents of the draft terms of reference for the newly established York LINK Statutory Stakeholder Group (**Annex A** refers). It also asks Members to nominate two representatives to the group.

#### **Background**

2. LINKs are the independent, formally constituted bodies that have replaced Patient Forums, previously attached to all local NHS trusts. The York LINK has now been in operation since April 2008.
3. In order to provide a mechanism to facilitate involvement in the LINK for individuals from organisations whose responsibilities compromise them being a member of the LINK, a Statutory Stakeholder Group has been established. The overall aim of the group being to improve health and social care services within the City of York by working together in partnership. Further details are set out in the draft terms of reference attached at **Annex A** to this report.
4. It is envisaged that the group will meet at least quarterly and It is proposed that the group be comprised of the following:
  - i. Two representatives from York LINK Steering Group
  - ii. Two representatives from City of York Council Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee
  - iii. Two representatives from City of York Council Social Services
  - iv. Two representatives from York Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
  - v. Two representatives from NHS North Yorkshire & York
  - vi. Two representatives from York Health Group
  - vii. One representative from the Yorkshire Ambulance Group

#### **Consultation**

5. The LINK has sent a copy of the draft terms of reference to all those invited to join the group. As of writing it is known that NHS North Yorkshire & York, the

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<sup>1</sup> Local Involvement Networks

York Health Group and the York LINK Steering Group have confirmed who their representatives will be.

## **Options**

6. Members are asked to note the contents of **Annex A**.
7. Members can also:
  - i. Choose for the Committee to be represented on this group
  - ii. Decline the offer for the Committee to be represented on this group

## **Analysis**

8. Members are advised to nominate two representatives to the Statutory Stakeholder Group. It is suggested that for continuity, as membership of the Committee can change, one of these representatives be the Scrutiny Officer.
9. The current Vice-Chair of the Committee has expressed an interest in being the other nominee.

## **Corporate Strategy 2009/2012**

10. This relates to the Healthy City theme of the Corporate Strategy 2009/2012.

## **Implications**

11. There are no financial, human resources, equalities or other implications associated with this report.

## **Risk Management**

12. If Members choose not to nominate to the Statutory Stakeholder Group there is a risk that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee will not have any input into this group.

## **Recommendations**

13. Members are recommended to appoint the Scrutiny Officer and the current Vice-Chair of the Committee to the Statutory Stakeholder Group.

Reason: To give the Committee a voice on the group and to promote partnership working.

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**Specialist Implications Officer(s)** None

**Wards Affected:**

All

For further information please contact the author of the report

**Background Papers:**

None

**Annexes**

**Annex A** Draft Terms of Reference for York LINK Statutory Stakeholder Group