

Report of the Assistant Director, Governance and ICT

Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies

Summary

1. Following the Westfield By-Election, a number of changes within Groups and the number of Independent Members, an Extraordinary meeting of Council was held on 23 October 2014. The meeting was held in order to review the allocation of seats, appointments to the Council structure and outside bodies for the remainder of the municipal year, in accordance with the political balance requirements under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

Background

2. The Council makes appointments at its Annual Meeting, to Committees for the coming year and following the above Extraordinary meeting a number of additional changes and have now been requested to the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB).
3. Although the Staffing Matters & Urgency Committee has authority to deal with any changes or appointments to Committees and bodies within year, the requested changes require amendments to the Boards terms of reference which can only be agreed by Council. The following changes are now put forward for consideration:

4. **Membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board**

- (a) There is a statutory requirement for the Directors of Adult Social Care and Public Health to be members of the Board as well as the Director of Children's Services . At the Board's last meeting on 22 October 2014, Guy van Dichele (currently 'Acting', pending formal appointment of Director) and Julie Hotchkiss (currently 'Acting', pending formal appointment of Director) were added to the Board's membership.
- (b) At that time the Council's Chief Executive Kersten England, also a Board Member, suggested as there were now three

City of York Directors on the Board, that in order to avoid the perception of over dominance by Council Officers that she wished to step down as a Board Member.

- (c) Following the meeting, the Chair, Councillor Cunningham-Cross has made a request for the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services to be added to the Board's Membership and for the Cabinet Member with the portfolio for Adult Social Care to be a named member of the Board, to ensure full coverage of the health and wellbeing service.

In accordance with the HWBB's terms of reference consultation has been undertaken with Board Members to gain their agreement to the addition of a further elected representative, nominated by the Council (Cabinet Member for Education, Children and Young People), to the Board's membership.

With the Board's agreement Council are now asked to approve the amendment of the HWBB's terms of reference to reflect the above changes in the Board's membership as set out in Annex A.

5. **Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Partnership Board**

A request has been received from the Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Partnership Board, a sub board of the Health and Wellbeing Board, for a member nomination on to the Board's membership. Councillor Douglas had previously been the nominated Board Member; however this had not been confirmed at the Annual Council meeting. Nominations have now been requested from the Groups for this place. Any nominations received will be reported at the meeting.

Consultation

- 6. In accordance with the usual process for gathering nominations to available places, the relevant Groups and individuals have been consulted, as appropriate, and provided with the necessary information.

Options

- 7. The Council has the option either to approve or propose alternatives to the nominations proposed in this report.

Council Plan 2011-15

8. The changes to the terms of reference and membership of the Board will ensure statutory requirements are met. Whilst they related primarily to the “Protect Vulnerable People” strand of the Council Plan, they will ensure the Board’s work can continue smoothly.

Implications

9. There are no known implications in relation to the following in terms of dealing with the specific matters before Members:
 - Financial
 - Human Resources (HR)
 - Equalities
 - Crime and Disorder
 - Property
 - Other

Legal Implications

10. Under the Health and Social Care Act 2012, the Council was required to establish a Health & Wellbeing Board to work with its health partners to consider strategic matter relating to the health and wellbeing of the city. Health & Wellbeing Boards are formally appointed as a ‘Committee’ of the Council. As such, Council needs to approve its terms of reference, including any amendments proposed to those.

Risk Management

11. In compliance with the Council’s risk management strategy, there are no known risks associated with the recommendations in this report, other than the Council failing to make appointments to meet the statutory requirements referred to above.

Recommendations

12. Council is asked to agree:
 - (i) The changes to the Terms of Reference of the Health and Wellbeing Board, with the removal of the Chief Executive, the addition of a further elected representative, nominated by the Council (Cabinet Member for Education, Children and Young People) and for the Cabinet Member with the portfolio for

Adult Social Care to be a named member of the Board, as set out in the Board's revised membership at Annex A.

- (ii) To appoint a member to the Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Partnership Board (nomination/s to be confirmed).

Reason: To fulfil statutory requirements and in order to respond to a request for a nomination to the Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Partnership Board for the remainder of the current municipal year.

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**Report
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Specialist Implications Officers

Not applicable

Wards Affected: Not applicable

All

For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers

None

Annexes

Annex 1- Terms of Reference of the Health and Wellbeing Board