

**Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development**

**Report to the West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**Date: 21 December 2015**

**Subject: West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Terms of Reference and appointment of the Chair**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**Summary of main issues**

1. This report presents the terms of reference for the West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Members' information.
2. The report also sets out proposed arrangements for Chairing meetings for the current municipal year, 2015/16.

**Recommendation**

3. Members are requested to note the Scrutiny Board's terms of reference and agree the proposed arrangements for Chairing meetings for the current municipal year, 2015/16.

## **1.0 Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 This report presents the terms of reference for the West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and sets out proposed arrangements for Charing meetings for the current municipal year, 2015/16.

## **2.0 Background information**

- 2.1 For the past 18 month, the Health Scrutiny Chairs of the five West Yorkshire Authorities have periodically met on an informal basis focusing on the establishment and progress of the Health Futures Programme.

## **3.0 Main issues**

- 3.1 To ensure the previous arrangements continued on a more formal basis, each of the five West Yorkshire authorities have sought approval to establish a formal Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee in line with the terms of reference presented at Appendix 1. In addition, each authority has appointed two members to sit on the joint committee. Details of the membership are set out elsewhere on the agenda.
- 3.2 The processes for approving the establishment of a formal Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and appointing its membership have varied between authorities, depending on the governance arrangements of the constituent authorities.
- 3.3 At the previous informal Chairs' meeting, it was agreed that, once established, Cllr Peter Gruen (Leeds City Council) would act as Chair of the joint committee for the remainder of the current municipal year. The joint committee is therefore asked to endorse this approach.

## **4.0 Corporate Considerations**

### **3.1 Consultation and Engagement**

- 3.1.1 The terms of reference were formally considered and approved by each of the constituent West Yorkshire authorities, based on the associated governance arrangements for each authority.

### **3.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration.**

- 3.2.1 The Joint Committee will ensure that equality and diversity/cohesion and integration issues are considered as part of its future work.

### **3.3 Resources and Value for Money**

- 3.3.1 This report has no specific resource and value for money implications.

### **3.4 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

- 3.4.1 The establishment of the joint committee and the associated terms of reference were formally considered and approved by each of the constituent West Yorkshire authorities, based on the associated governance arrangements for each authority.

### **3.5 Risk Management**

3.5.1 This report has no risk management implications.

### **4.0 Recommendation**

4.1 Members are requested to note the Scrutiny Board's terms of reference and agree the proposed arrangements for Chairing meetings for the current municipal year, 2015/16.

### **5.0 Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

5.1 None

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.