

Board Member appointments and the Health Service Developments Working Group arrangement.

Date: 9th July 2021

Report of: Head of Democratic Services

Report to: Scrutiny Board (Adults, Health and Active Lifestyles)

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

What is this report about?

Including how it contributes to the city's and council's ambitions

- The Scrutiny Board held a remote consultative meeting on 15th June 2021 and during that meeting, the views of Members were sought in relation to the appointment of co-opted members; the Scrutiny Board's representation on the West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee; and adopting the Health Service Developments Working Group arrangement for this new municipal year. It was noted that the views expressed by the Scrutiny Board would inform the position for approval at the Board's next formal meeting.
- This report therefore sets out the Board's position in relation to the above for Members consideration and approval.

Recommendations

In consideration of this report, Members are requested to agree its position in relation to the following:

- The appointment of non-voting co-opted members onto the Scrutiny Board.
- The Scrutiny Board's representatives on the West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the 2021/22 municipal year.
- Adopting the Health Service Developments Working Group arrangement, as set out in the draft terms of reference, for the 2021/22 municipal year.

Why is the proposal being put forward?

1. Last month, the views of Board Members were sought in relation to the appointment of co-opted members; the Scrutiny Board's representation on the West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee; and adopting the Health Service Developments Working Group arrangement for this new municipal year.
2. This report sets out the Board's position in relation to the above, as informed by its discussions in June, for Members' consideration and formal approval.

Non-voting co-opted members

3. During its consultative meeting on 15th June 2021, the Board considered and discussed a report from the Head of Democratic Services that set out the options available in relation to the appointment of co-opted members.
4. Members were advised that since 2014, the Board has appointed a standing non-voting co-opted member representative from HealthWatch Leeds and that this organisation would therefore welcome such arrangements to continue for this municipal year. At that stage, Board Members had noted and welcomed that the Chair of HealthWatch Leeds (Dr John Beal) had again been identified as their nominated representative. It is therefore proposed that Dr John Beal be formally appointed onto the Scrutiny Board as a non-voting co-opted member.
5. With regard to the appointment of any other non-voting co-opted members, the Board's view was to adopt a more ad hoc approach and consider the appointment of co-opted members linked to a particular scrutiny inquiry where organisations would be able to nominate a representative best suited for the specific purpose of that inquiry.

Health Service Developments Working Group

6. During its consultative meeting on 15th June 2021, the Board considered and discussed a report from the Head of Democratic Services that explained the duty of NHS Commissioners and Service Providers to consult local authorities, through the health scrutiny function, where any proposal is under consideration for a substantial development of the health service or a substantial variation in the provision of such a service in the local authorities' area.
7. To assist in this process, it was noted that a Health Service Developments Working Group has previously been established to offer an environment that allows early engagement with the Scrutiny Board regarding proposed developments or changes to local health services. It was therefore proposed that similar arrangements be established again for this municipal year (2021/22). Draft terms of reference surrounding the Health Service Developments Working Group were provided to the Board (see Appendix 1) and Members had expressed their support for such arrangements to be continued.
8. It is therefore proposed that the Health Service Developments Working Group arrangements, as set out in the appended draft terms of reference, be established for this municipal year.

Joint Health Scrutiny

9. During the Board's consultative meeting on 15th June 2021, particular attention was also given to the West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) that was established back in November 2015 as a discretionary joint health scrutiny committee.

10. Members were asked to consider the Board’s representatives on the JHOSC for this municipal year, while also recognising that such arrangements may be subject to further review linked to forthcoming legislative proposals for a new Health and Care Bill. In acknowledging that the Board’s previous representatives had included the Chair and Councillor G Latty, Members were supportive of continuing the same arrangement for this year. It is therefore proposed that Councillor Marshall-Katung and Councillor Latty be appointed onto the West Yorkshire JHOSC to represent the Adults, Health and Active Lifestyles Scrutiny Board.

What impact will this proposal have?

Wards affected: N/A		
Have ward members been consulted?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

11. This report presents information to assist the Scrutiny Board (Adults, Health and Active Lifestyles) in undertaking its role.

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

12. This report reflects the views expressed by the Scrutiny Board during its consultative meeting on 15th June 2021.

13. The draft terms of reference of the Health Service Developments Working Group, as appended to this report, have also been informed by earlier engagement work undertaken with the Scrutiny Board.

What are the resource implications?

14. This report has no specific resource implications.

What are the legal implications?

15. This report has no legal implications.

What are the key risks and how are they being managed?

16. This report has no risk management implications.

Does this proposal support the council’s three Key Pillars?

Inclusive Growth Health and Wellbeing Climate Emergency

17. Health scrutiny should be outcome focused, looking at cross-cutting issues, including general health improvement, wellbeing and how well health inequalities are being addressed, as well as specific treatment services.

Appendices

18. Appendix 1 - Health Service Developments Working Group Draft Terms of Reference for the current municipal year (2021/11).

Background papers

19. None.