



## OUTER NORTH EAST LONDON JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE, 9 JULY 2019

**Subject Heading:**

London Borough of Waltham Forest –  
Amendment to Representation on  
Committee

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**Policy context:**

**It is suggested that the Committee  
amends its terms of reference to reflect  
a change in the level of representation  
by Waltham Forest.**

**Financial summary:**

There are no financial implications arising  
from noting the amended committee  
representation and/or approval of the  
revised terms of reference. The overall  
costs of clerking the meetings will remain  
unchanged but the split between Councils  
will vary in line with the revised  
membership.

### SUMMARY

In light of a recent decision by London Borough of Waltham Forest to reduce its level of representation on the committee, this report proposes some adjustments to the Committee's terms of reference in order to reflect this.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Joint Committee notes the decision by London Borough of Waltham Forest to reduce its level of representation on the Committee from three Members to one.
2. That the Joint Committee agree the proposed changes to its terms of reference, as shown in the appendix to this report, in order to reflect the change in level of representation by the London Borough of Waltham Forest.

**REPORT DETAIL**

1. At its meeting of full Council on 25 April 2019, the London Borough of Waltham Forest agreed to reduce its level of representation on the Outer North East London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee from three Members to one. The basis for this decision was that local health services have, in recent years, been organised more around the health economy for Barking & Dagenham, Havering and Redbridge. Examples of this trend have included the work of the BHRUT Acute Trust which has only minimal involvement with patients from Waltham Forest and the increasing move of the Clinical Commissioning Groups for the BHR area to work on a combined basis with for example a joint clinical lead being appointed for the three areas.
2. Some services such as those mental health and community services provided by the North East London NHS Foundation Trust continue to be provided on a four-borough basis that fully matches the area covered by this Committee. As such, Waltham Forest has chosen to keep one representative on this Committee in order to continue to have an opportunity to scrutinise these issues.
3. Some changes to the Committee's terms of reference are required in order to reflect the reduced involvement of Waltham Forest on the Committee. For clarity, these proposed changes are shown in track changes in the appendix to this report. Some other minor amendments to the Terms of Reference, reflecting the requirements of current legislation etc, are also suggested and shown in track changes.

**IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS**

**Financial implications and risks:**

There are no financial implications arising from noting the amended committee representation and/or approval of the revised terms of reference.

It should be noted that there are minor financial implications to the member Councils as a result of the reduction in membership from Waltham Forest. The overall costs of clerking the meetings will remain unchanged but the split between Councils will vary in line with the revised membership, as costs of clerking the committee is shared between them. Clerking and administrative support is provided to the Joint Committee by oneSource on behalf of the London Borough of Havering and the other member Councils are invoiced accordingly on a quarterly basis. Some slight changes in the proportion of these costs paid per borough will be required in light of the decision by Waltham Forest to reduce its representation..

**Legal implications and risks:** None – the recommendations proposed do not in any way alter the status of the Joint Committee under section 30 of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013. The Authorities have a discretion over the terms and conditions of the Committee and this proposal appears uncontroversial.

**Human Resources implications and risks:**

*There are no direct HR implications or risks to the Council or its workforce that can be identified from the recommendations made in this report.*

**Equalities implications and risks:** None – the change of membership level by Waltham Forest more closely reflects the remit of the Joint Committee and the services that it scrutinises on behalf of local residents..

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.