



HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 16 JUNE 2011

Subject Heading:

Nominations to Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees

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Policy context:

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To agree the Committee's nominations to serve on the Outer North East London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and any pan-London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

SUMMARY

Havering has previously played a major role in the Outer North East London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (ONEL JOSOC) as well as in the pan-London equivalent. The Committee is therefore asked to confirm its nominations to both Committees for the current municipal year.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That, in line with political proportionality rules, the Committee nominate two Conservative and one Residents' Group Members as its representatives on the Outer North East London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the 2011/12 municipal year.
2. That the Committee nominate the Chairman as its representative at any meetings of the pan-London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee during the 2011/12 municipal year.

REPORT DETAIL

There are a large number of proposed changes and other health service issues that affect a considerably wider area than Havering alone. Issues related to Queen's Hospital for example impact not just on Havering residents but also those from Barking & Dagenham and Redbridge as well as parts of Essex. Mental health issues, under the remit of the North East London NHS Foundation Trust, impact on all these areas as well as Waltham Forest.

As regards formal consultations, Members should note that it is a requirement (under the NHS Act 2006) that all Councils that are likely to be effected by proposed changes to health services must form a Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee in order to exercise their right to scrutinise these proposals.

In light of these requirements, the boroughs of Barking & Dagenham, Havering, Redbridge and Waltham Forest as well as Essex County Council have formed a standing ONEL JOSC to deal with cross-border issues. Further details of the Committee's work and copies of the reports etc. it has produced can be obtained from officers and are available on the Council's website. Much of the work programme of the JOSC (which is clerked and organised by Havering) in recent months has been focussed on scrutinising the Health for North East London proposals for changes to healthcare services across the region. It is suggested that the Committee agree, as in previous years, three representatives to sit on the ONEL JOSC, in line with proportionality rules.

Some issues, such as changes to stroke and trauma services, impact across the whole of Greater London and all boroughs therefore need to be involved in the scrutiny of these areas. As such, arrangements are also in place for a pan-London JOSC to meet when such proposals are brought forward. Previous practice has been that the Chairman represents Havering at any pan-London JOSC meetings and the Committee is requested to agree this for the 2011/12 municipal year,

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

There are none arising directly from the report. The work of the Committees mentioned is supported by existing staff resources and minor budgets within

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Democratic Services. With regard to the Joint OSC, the other four participating Councils make a contribution towards the support provided by Havering staff.

Legal implications and risks:

None.

Human Resources implications and risks:

None.

Equalities implications and risks:

None although one outcome of effective health scrutiny will be to reduce health inequalities for Havering residents.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.