

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

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Subject Heading:

Amendments to Membership of Health and Wellbeing Board and associated changes to the Council's Constitution

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Policy context:

The Monitoring Officer is authorised to propose changes to the Constitution as from time to time seem appropriate

Financial summary:

No financial implications.

The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

Havering will be clean and its environment will be cared for
People will be safe, in their homes and in the community
Residents will be proud to live in Havering

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SUMMARY

The report proposes some minor changes to the Constitution to reflect the revised membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board following a recent revision of the Board's terms of reference.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee **recommends to Council** that:

1. The section of the table in the Appendix to Article 12 of the Constitution dealing with the Number of Members and any special requirements for the Health and wellbeing Board be amended to read as follows:

Four Councillors

Four Council Officers (Chief Executive, Director of Public Health, Director, Adult Services and Director, Children's Services)

Four representatives of Havering Clinical Commissioning Group

One member from Barking, Havering and Redbridge University Hospitals' NHS Trust (BHRUT)

One member from North East London NHS Foundation Trust (NELFT)

One member from NHS England

One member from Healthwatch Havering

2. Paragraph 16 (a) of the Committee Procedure Rules of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Quorum for Board meetings shall be nine members.

REPORT DETAIL

The Health and Wellbeing Board has recently undertaken a review of its terms of reference. The review, led by the Acting Director of Public Health, concluded that it would be beneficial to now include on the Board one representative from each of Barking, Havering and Redbridge University Hospitals' Trust and North East London NHS Foundation Trust. This would considerably assist the Board's work by allowing direct input to discussions from providers as well as commissioners. Given the amended and increased proposed membership of the Board, it is also recommended that the quorum figure for the Board be adjusted accordingly. This report therefore seeks approval from the Committee to recommend to Council that the appropriate changes are made to the Constitution.

Reasons for the proposed changes:

The proposed amendments to the Constitution will enable the changes to membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board suggested by the recent review of the Board's terms of reference.

Other options considered:

Not amending the Constitution as outlined above would mean it would not be possible to have formal representation from providers on the Health and Wellbeing Board and would be contrary recent changes agreed by the Board to its terms of reference.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

There will be no financial implications for the Council of the proposed additional membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Legal implications and risks:

The report proposes some minor changes to the Constitution that reflect a proposed change in membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 provides for the membership of the Board and includes the provision that it can include “such other persons, or representatives of such other persons, as the local authority thinks appropriate.”

Accordingly there is minimal legal risk in adopting these proposals.

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 contents of this report or the recommendation made.

Equalities implications and risks:

None although the proposed revised membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board is hoped to have a positive impact on health and social care services for all Havering residents.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.