

Council

Appointments to Outside Bodies, Partnerships and Boards 23rd July 2008

Report of Chief Executive

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report enables Council to determine the basis for an appointment to a newly established outside body.

This report is public.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That Council agree the basis for an appointment to serve as a Council representative on the newly established North Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Group.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 In October 2003 it was agreed that Council would determine the basis on which all appointments to outside bodies and partnerships are made. Unless otherwise requested by the outside body concerned, appointments are made to the date of the next City Council elections, subject to confirmation at each Annual Council meeting.
- 1.2 Council has the option to make any appointment on a PR basis or by virtue of a Councillor's position, such as a Cabinet Member, Committee Chairman or Ward Councillor. Where an appointment is made on the basis of PR, the appointing Group(s) may notify the Head of Democratic Services in writing of their appointment without the need for further Council approval. Where necessary, Cabinet or other Committee representatives are referred to the appropriate member body for appointment.

2.0 Proposal

- 2.1 North Lancashire Teaching Primary Care Trust (PCT) is proposing to establish a Health and Wellbeing Group for North Lancashire to provide inter-agency leadership and coordination of action to improve health, reduce health inequalities, and enhance wellbeing for the population. The North Lancashire Director of Public Health has written inviting the Council to nominate an Elected Member to represent Lancaster City Council on the Group.
- 2.2 The proposal is for the Group to meet quarterly and to report to:-
- North Lancashire PCT's operational Management Executive Group
 - The Lancashire Partnership through the county-wide Health and Wellbeing Group

- Local Strategic Partnership Health and Wellbeing Thematic Groups.

North Lancashire's Director of Public Health will chair the Group.

- 2.1.1 The intention is for the Group to further strengthen collaborative working and promote consistency of approach across Lancashire as a whole.

3.0 Details of Consultation

- 3.1 Not applicable

4.0 Options and Options Analysis (including risk assessment)

- 4.1 As referred to in paragraph 1.3 above Council has the option to decide whether any appointment should be made on a PR basis or by virtue of a Councillor's position, such as a Cabinet Member, Committee Chairman or Ward Councillor and the most appropriate form of representation should be considered in each case.

- 4.2 Unless there is a statutory duty to participate, Council may also determine that there is no benefit to be gained from representation and decline the invitation. There is no statutory duty in respect of the invitation presented to Council in this report.

5.0 Conclusion

- 5.1 Annual Council agreed the basis of all appointments to Outside Bodies, Partnerships and Boards using a combination of proportional representation and in line with a Member's role such as Ward Councillor, Cabinet member, Overview & Scrutiny member, etc.

- 5.2 Since then the Council bodies such as Cabinet and Overview & Scrutiny have made their appointments and political groups have forwarded their appointments to the Head of Democratic Services.

- 5.3 This report sets out a request to make a new appointment.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT (including Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)

There are no direct implications as a result of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Members of Outside Bodies are entitled to travel expenses. Any extra cost resulting from this additional appointment is not likely to be significant. Any extra cost can therefore be funded from within existing democratic representation budgets.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Deputy Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Letter from North Lancashire Teaching PCT dated 23rd May 2008, which included draft terms of reference for the North Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Group.

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