

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Council
Date: 31 July 2013
Report for: Decision
Report of: Director of Legal and Democratic Services

Report Title

APPOINTMENTS TO THE JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WITH MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

Summary

On 19 September 2012, Council agreed the establishment of a Joint Health Scrutiny Committee comprising of Members from Trafford and the City of Manchester Councils to respond to the consultation relating to the New Health Deal for Trafford.

The Joint Committee consists of ten Members, five from each appointing Authority and the Committee met twice during the 2012/13 municipal year.

In February this year, that Committee made a referral to the Secretary of State for Health in relation to the aforementioned proposals and on 11 July 2013, the Secretary of State responded to that referral.

In order for the Joint Committee to consider the response it is necessary for Council to agree the Trafford membership of the Joint Committee.

Recommendation(s)

- 1. That Council note the report;**
- 2. That Council agree the proposed membership of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee;**
- 3. That Council agree to suspend political balance requirements.**

Contact person for access to background papers and further information:

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Background Papers: None

Relationship to Policy Framework/Corporate Priorities	All
Financial	None directly associated with this report
Legal Implications:	In responding to the consultation, the Joint Committee has fulfilled the obligations associated with the Directions to Local Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committee Health Scrutiny Functions) 2003.
Equality/Diversity Implications	None associated with this report
Sustainability Implications	None associated with this report
Staffing/E-Government/Asset Management Implications	None directly associated with this report
Risk Management Implications	None associated with this report
Health and Safety Implications	None associated with this report

Background:

Since the acquisition of the former Trafford Healthcare NHS Trust by Central Manchester University Hospitals Foundation Trust (CMFT) in April 2012, commissioners and clinicians were involved in re-designing local health services.

Following a period of pre-engagement work, led by NHS Greater Manchester, an option for the redesign of services had been arrived at for public consultation. This consultation on changes to health services within Borough, known locally as the New Health Deal for Trafford, commenced on 26 July 2012 and concluded on 31 October 2012.

In order to fulfil its statutory duties, the Council established a Joint Health Scrutiny Committee with Manchester City Council to respond to the consultation by 31 October. The Committee met on 28 October to agree its response to the consultation. This response was considered by NHS Greater Manchester and a further meeting of the Joint Committee was convened 14 January to consider the overall outcome of the consultation. At this meeting, Members agreed the following resolution:

“The committee agrees that in the event that NHS Greater Manchester, following the recommendations from the Trafford Strategic Programme Board, rejects the Committee’s concerns, and proceeds with the proposals decided at the Programme Board’s meeting of 19 December 2012, to authorise its Chair and Vice Chair to refer the proposals to the Secretary of State as a substantial variation which is not in the interests of the health service and patients of the Borough of Trafford and the City of Manchester.”

NHS Greater Manchester proceeded with the Strategic Programme Board’s proposals and in line with the Committee’s resolution; a referral to the Secretary of State was made on 8 February 2013. The response to the referral was received on 11 July and a meeting of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee has been arranged on 1st August to consider the response from the Secretary of State. The Council is asked to reaffirm the membership of the Joint Committee (Appendix A) and also to suspend political balance requirements.

JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MEMBERSHIP 2013/14

Notes on Membership:

COMMITTEE		NO. OF MEMBERS
JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE		10
		<u>Manchester:</u> 4 Labour 1 Liberal Democrat
		<u>Trafford:</u> 3 Conservative 2 Labour
CONSERVATIVE GROUP	LABOUR GROUP	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP
Councillors:-	Councillors:-	Councillors:-
	Judith Lloyd (Trafford)	
John Lamb (Trafford)		
John Holden (Trafford)		
	Kevin Procter (Trafford)	
Angela Bruer – Morris (Trafford)		
TOTAL	3	2
		0

Substitute Members:

Councillor Jacki Wilkinson (Conservative) as a substitute member
Councillor TBC (Labour) as a substitute member