

COUNCIL			
Report Title	Health and Wellbeing Board Membership Proposal		
Contributors	Health and Wellbeing Board	Item No.	
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1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the process to identify an additional voluntary sector representative to join the Health and Wellbeing Board and a recommendation to appoint the nominated representative.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Council agrees to appoint Peter Ramrayka to the Health and Wellbeing Board as a voluntary sector representative.

3. Policy context

- 3.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 establishes a duty on local authorities to convene Health and Wellbeing Boards for their areas.
- 3.1 The activity of the Health and Wellbeing Board is focused on delivering the strategic vision for Lewisham as established in *Shaping our future – Lewisham’s Sustainable Community Strategy* and in Lewisham’s Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- 3.2 The work of the Board directly contributes to *Shaping our future’s* priority outcome that communities in Lewisham should be *Healthy, active and enjoyable - where people can actively participate in maintaining and improving their health and wellbeing*.

4. Background

- 4.1 The Health and Social Care Act specifies that the Board’s membership must, as a minimum, include:
- a) at least one Councillor of the local authority who is nominated by the Mayor and may include the Mayor
 - b) the Council’s Director of Adult Services
 - c) the Council’s Director of Children’s Services
 - d) the Council’s Director of Public Health
 - e) a representative of the Local Healthwatch organisation for the area
 - f) a representative of each relevant clinical commissioning group; and
 - g) such other persons or representatives of such other persons as the Council thinks appropriate.

- 4.2 In addition, the Health and Wellbeing Board can appoint such other persons as it considers appropriate.
- 4.3 At the Council AGM, held on 20th March 2013, the Mayor reported that he was appointing himself and Cllr Chris Best as members of the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 4.4 The Council, in the Constitution, has also made provision that two representatives of the voluntary sector will be appointed to the Board. It was agreed that these representatives would be appointed by the Council.

5. Voluntary Sector Representatives

- 5.1 Tony Nickson, Chief Executive of Voluntary Action Lewisham (VAL) was appointed by the Council to the Health and Wellbeing Board on 26th June 2013.
- 5.2 The Health and Wellbeing Board requested that VAL develop a process through which an additional representative for the voluntary and community sector could be identified. VAL held an election for the representative at the Health and Social Care Forum on 24th October 2013.
- 5.3 The Health and Social Care Forum comprises voluntary sector organisations working in the field of health and care. Officers working in the public sector also attend but do not have voting rights.
- 5.4 Four people were nominated for election. As agreed by the Health and Wellbeing Board, in July 2013, nominations were not restricted to VAL members, although any nominated person would require the endorsement of their organisation. Organisations represented at the Forum by more than one member of that organisation were restricted to one vote per organisation.
- 5.6 Peter Ramrayka of the Indo Caribbean Organisation secured a majority of the votes and is recommended to Council for appointment to the Health and Wellbeing Board as a voting member.
- 5.7 VAL reported back to the Health and Wellbeing Board on the 19th November 2013. The Health and Wellbeing Board agreed that this nomination be presented to Council.

6. Voting Members

- 6.1 At its first meeting, the Health and Wellbeing Board considered the Council's proposals for membership and voting rights.
- 6.2 The Health and Wellbeing Board agreed with the Council's proposals regarding membership and voting rights and with the particular

provisions that apply to the Health and Wellbeing Board as set out in the Council's Constitution.

- 6.3 Regulation 6 of the Health and Social Care Act regulations modifies the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (section 13.1) to enable all members of Health and Wellbeing Boards or their sub-committees to vote unless the Council decides otherwise. This means that the Council is free to decide, in consultation with the Health and Wellbeing Board, which members of the Board should be voting members.
- 6.4 The Council proposed that its officers not be entitled to vote. In addition the Council proposed that where an organisation (Clinical Commissioning Group, Local Healthwatch, or otherwise) appoints an employee to the Health and Wellbeing Board, that employee will not be allowed to vote. The Council also proposed that this rule will not apply to representatives of the voluntary sector appointed by the Council.

7. Financial implications

- 6.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report or its recommendations.

8. Legal implications

- 8.1 The legal implications are reflected in the body of the report.

9. Equalities implications

- 9.1 There are no specific equalities implications arising from this report or its recommendations.

10. Crime and disorder implications

- 10.1 There are no specific crime and disorder implications arising from this report or its recommendations.

11. Environmental implications

- 11.1 There are no specific environmental implications arising from this report or its recommendations.

Background documents

None

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