

Health and Wellbeing Board			
Report Title	Report on membership issues		
Contributors	Health and Wellbeing Board	Item No.	10
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1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report makes recommendations on the Health and Wellbeing Board's membership.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Board agrees to:
- Review and approve the process through which an additional voluntary and community sector representative will be identified.
 - Note the appointment of a new CCG representative at the Board.
 - Appoint a new Vice-Chair of the Board.
 - Review and approve the recommendation for a Registered Social Landlord (RSL) 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, 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. These representatives will be appointed by the Council.
- 4.5 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.
- 4.6 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.
- 4.7 At its first meeting, the Health and Wellbeing Board considered the Council's proposals for membership and voting rights and agreed with the Council's proposals and with the particular provisions that apply to the Health and Wellbeing Board as set out in the Council's Constitution.
- 4.8 The Health and Wellbeing Board approved the appointment of Tony Nickson, Director of Voluntary Action Lewisham, as a representative of the voluntary sector and asked Voluntary Action Lewisham to develop a process through which an additional representative for the voluntary and community sector could be identified.

5. Proposals on amendments to membership

5.1 Voluntary and community sector representative

- 5.1.1 Voluntary Action Lewisham have given consideration to recruiting an additional member from the voluntary sector to the Health and Wellbeing Board. This member will have an active interest in the health and wellbeing of the residents of Lewisham.
- 5.1.2 This role is intended to give a voice to an individual who does not already have a voice on similar boards (such as board member of a health care trust, clinical commissioning group, or a local councillor, etc.) The successful candidate would need to demonstrate an understanding that the role is to represent the wide range of communities in Lewisham (and not to represent just one single-interest group).
- 5.1.3 The new member will attend board meetings and will be responsible for liaising with and feeding back to the VAL-coordinated Health and Social Care

Forum in a timely fashion. Initially, the position will be for the period of one year.

5.1.4 Candidates will need to show they have the skills and experience of working in the voluntary and community sector. They will need to be prepared to make a time-commitment for the board and be able to prepare for board meetings. Candidates will be nominated by a voluntary sector organisation and will fill out a supporting statement (up to 200 words). Candidates will give a short presentation at a VAL event where a vote will take place.

5.1.5 Timeline for recruitment:

9 September - Contact members and contacts inviting nominations

19 September – information at VAL event about process

9 October - Deadline for nominations

17 October - vote will take place at a VAL-run event

5.2 CCG representation at the Board

5.2.1 As noted at the Board meeting of 11 July 2013, the CCG representation at this Board will change following the resignation of Helen Tattersfield as chair of the CCG. It has been confirmed that Dr Marc Rowland will represent the CCG at future meetings.

5.3 Vice Chair of the Board

5.3.1 As previously noted, Helen Tattersfield will no longer be representing the CCG at the Health and Wellbeing Board, which necessitates the election of a new Vice-Chair.

5.3.2 Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board are invited to nominate and agree on a new Vice-Chair.

5.4 Registered Social Landlord (RSL) representative

5.4.1 The Housing Matters Programme was launched by the Mayor in July 2012 and responds to the priorities set out by the Mayor to:

1. Review the options for the ownership and management of the Council's housing stock
2. Increase the supply of affordable housing, including by building 250 new homes by 2017
3. Reviews the Council's approach to housing for older people and bring the existing stock of specialised housing for older people up to the required standard

5.4.2 An expert adviser has been commissioned jointly by Strategic Housing and Social Care to develop an Older People's Housing Strategy, which will be presented to Mayor and Cabinet in November 2013.

5.4.3 Housing is generally acknowledged as a determinant of health and wellbeing, therefore in light of this and the current workstreams detailed above, it is proposed that a Registered Social Landlord should be appointed to this Board

to represent this area and to ensure alignment and integration with the Health and Wellbeing agenda.

- 5.4.4 It is recommended that Brendan Sarsfield from Family Mosaic join the Health and Well Being Board as the Registered Social Landlord representative. Brendan Sarsfield has experience of working in the borough and is particularly interested in the link between housing and health.

6. Financial implications

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

7. Legal implications

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

8. Equalities implications

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

9. Crime and disorder implications

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

10. Environmental implications

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

Background documents

None

If there are any queries on this report please contact Strategy, Improvement and Partnerships, Community Services, London Borough of Lewisham on 0208 314 9637 or by e-mail at jo.barrie@lewisham.gov.uk