

REPORT FOR: HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Date of Meeting:	11 January 2018
Subject:	Request for Appointment of Additional Non-voting Board Member
Responsible Officer:	Hugh Peart, Director of Legal and Governance Services
Public:	Yes
Wards affected:	All
Enclosures:	Nil

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

The Board is requested to consider the request from the Chair of the Harrow Safeguarding Children Board (HSCB) for a place as a non-voting member of the Board.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Board agree that:

1. Subject to Council agreeing the recommendation set out in 2 below, the Chair of the Harrow Safeguarding Children Board (HSCB) is appointed as a non-voting member of the Board.
2. A recommendation is made to Council that it direct that the Chair of the Harrow Safeguarding Children Board (HSCB) be a non-voting member of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Section 2 – Report

The Chair of the Harrow Safeguarding Children Board (HSCB) attends meetings of the Board when the Annual Report of the independent chair of the HSCB is presented.

He has requested that he be appointed as a non-voting member of the Board to enable him to attend and speak at all meetings of the Board.

As explained in the legal implications section below, a direction must be made by the local authority for a member of the Health and Wellbeing Board to be a non-voting, rather than voting, member.

Financial Implications/Comments

No additional costs have been identified as a result of the proposed change to non-voting representation.

Legal Implications/Comments

Under s.194 of the Health and Social Care Act, a local authority must establish a Health and Wellbeing Board. The core membership is set out under that section and may include ‘such other persons, or representatives of such other persons, as the local authority thinks appropriate.’ The Board itself can appoint additional members.

Under section 13 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 a member of a committee who is not a member of the authority is treated as a non-voting member. However, under Regulation 6 of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 that provision is modified in its application to Health and Wellbeing Boards so that a member of the Board shall not be treated as a non-voting member unless the local authority which established the Board otherwise directs. In other words, members of the Health and Wellbeing Board are voting members unless the Council decides they should be non-voting.

Risk Management Implications

There are no additional risks identified.

Equalities implications

The purpose of the Board is to improve health and wellbeing for the residents of Harrow and reduce inequalities in outcomes.

Council Priorities

The Council’s vision:

Working Together to Make a Difference for Harrow

The report incorporates the administration's priorities by improving health and wellbeing for the residents of Harrow and reduce inequalities in outcomes.

- Making a difference for the vulnerable
- Making a difference for communities
- Making a difference for families

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance (Council and Joint Reports)

Name: Donna Edwards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Chief Financial Officer
Date: 27 November 2017		
Name: Caroline Eccles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Monitoring Officer
Date: 11 December 2017		

Ward Councillors notified:	NO
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Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

Contact: Miriam Wearing, Senior Democratic Services Officer, 020 8424 1542

Background Papers: Terms of reference of Health and Wellbeing Board