

REPORT FOR: COUNCIL

Date of Meeting: 24 May 2012

Subject: 'Shaping a Healthier Future for North West London' – Preparing for a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Exempt: No

Enclosures: Appendix 1 – Recommendation of Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Section 1 – Summary & Recommendations

This report details further minor amendments suggested directly by the JOSC with respect to its future operating arrangements following its initial consideration by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Recommendations:

That Council consider and approve the recommendation of Overview and Scrutiny Committee, subject to the inclusion of the minor amendments set out below.

Section 2 – Report

Further to the report that was presented at Overview and Scrutiny on 3 April, the shadow Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) met on 5 April and proposed further suggested amendments to its draft terms of reference, following their initial consideration by Committee, which are detailed below.

DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE

The proposed draft terms of reference will be redrafted and circulated in time for sign off at the first formal meeting of the JOSC in June 2012. The proposed terms of reference are as follow:

1. Consider the 'Shaping a Healthier Future' consultation arrangements, including the formulation of options for change, and whether the formal consultation process is inclusive and comprehensive.
2. Consider and respond to proposals set out in the 'Shaping a Healthier Future'(*) consultation with reference to any related impact risk assessments or other documents issued by or on behalf of NHS North West London in connection with the consultation.
3. The JOSC will not preclude scrutiny and the right of response by individual boroughs.

() or whatever the final title of the awaited consultation document.*

Changes were also made to the model of membership for the JOSC as detailed below.

DRAFT MODEL OF MEMBERSHIP

There will be one nominated voting member from each Council participating in the JOSC, plus one other member to whom the vote can be transferred.

PROCURING SUPPORT FOR THE JOSC

Financial assistance for the formal JOSC process in terms of administrative, research and policy support has been agreed by NHS North West London.

Section 3 – Legal, Risk and Financial Implications

Risk Management - Joint operating arrangements may be operated with the agreement of the Council.

The legal implications are addressed within the report.

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers: Overview and Scrutiny Committee – April 2012

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

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REFERENCE FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 3 APRIL 2012

‘Shaping a Healthier Future for North West London’ – Preparing for a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Members considered a report of the Divisional Director of Partnership Development and Performance, which proposed that Harrow participate in a pan-London Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) to consider NHS North West London’s Programme “Shaping a Healthier Future for North West London”, to improve care for north west London and the arrangements for consultation.

The Committee’s views were sought on a number of issues relating to the shadow JOSC and its proposed formal establishment later in 2012. Specifically, Members were asked to consider whether Harrow should participate in the JOSC along with the seven named London boroughs, noting that the Programme “Shaping a Healthier Future” had also been developed in partnership with the eight Primary Care Trusts / Clinical Commissioning Groups for North West London.

Members discussed the proposals for the JOSC and the Programme it would consider noting that this was likely to result in a significant piece of work which aimed to deliver value to residents. It was emphasised that the merits of Harrow’s approach to the JOSC would need to be carefully considered, including the appropriate representation on the shadow and, eventually, the formal body. It was further recognised that each authority participating in the JOSC process would bring its own views and desired outcomes as part of the overall considerations.

In terms of representation, the Committee agreed that Council be requested to delegate the final authority with regard to appointment of councillors to itself, noting that, in the first instance, this should be considered to be appropriate appointments for the two Health Lead Councillors.

Resolved to RECOMMEND: (to Council) That :

- (1) the proposals for a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) for the consideration of the “Shaping a Healthier Future for North West London Programme” be noted;
- (2) Harrow’s participation in the JOSC be confirmed and authority delegated to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with regard to the appointment of councillors to the JOSC and to determine membership and issues related to it;

- (3) it be agreed that the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee write, in conjunction with the other seven London borough's, to seek financial assistance for the JOSC process from NHS North West London to enable procurement of the administrative and policy support to the Committee, as set out at option A to the report;
- (4) consideration be given to future appointments to pan-London Joint Committees where these impacted upon Scrutiny and that this process be delegated permanently to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Background Documents:

Report submitted to Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 3 April 2012
Draft minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 3 April 2012

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