

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

SCRUTINY LEADERSHIP BOARD – 14th JANUARY 2010

**TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW AND
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

REPORT OF SCRUTINY MANAGER

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To consider the Terms of Reference for the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee with Shropshire County and agree the representation from Telford and Wrekin.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Members consider the Terms of Reference for the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee attached as Appendix 1;
- 2.2 Scrutiny Leadership Board agrees to increase the total membership of the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to 18 comprising of 6 Elected Member representatives from each local authority and 3 independent co-opted representatives appointed by each local authority;
- 2.3 Scrutiny Leadership Board appoints 6 elected Members and 3 co-opted Members as the representatives from Telford and Wrekin on the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee with Shropshire County Council. Members may wish to consider appointing the additional Members to the Health Scrutiny Monitoring Sub Group;
- 2.4 Members consider the voting rights for co-optees.

3. PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 3.1 N/A

**4. MEMBERSHIP OF THE JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW AND
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WITH SHROPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

- 4.1 Towards the end of 2009 Telford and Wrekin and Shropshire County Council's Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) considered the proposals made by the Primary Care Trusts and Shrewsbury and Telford Hospitals NHS Trust regarding the future of vascular surgery in the area of the two local authorities. While the local NHS did not go immediately ahead with plans to centralise this service at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital it plans to consult on this and further plans to centralise acute hospital care on one site. It is the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee that has the statutory Health Scrutiny powers in relation to these proposed changes and related consultations.
- 4.2 The current membership of the Joint HOSC consists of 6 representatives from each local authority's Scrutiny arrangements. From Telford and Wrekin this reflects the Membership of the Health Monitoring Sub Group – including 3 elected Members and 3 independent Co-optees. These Co-optees were granted voting rights by Council in respect of matters relating to the re-configuration of NHS services currently subject to consultation by Telford and Wrekin PCT and Shropshire County PCT. The representatives from Shropshire County Council are 6 elected Members
- 4.3 It is proposed that the Membership of the Joint HOSC should be extended so that each local authority will have 6 elected representatives and 3 co-optees.

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