

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

CABINET – 23 JULY 2015

REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2015-16

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: LAW, DEMOCRACY & PEOPLE SERVICES

LEAD CABINET MEMBER – COUNCILLOR KULDIP SAHOTA

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To approve a Member representative to Telford & Wrekin Healthwatch, a change to the representation on the West Mercia Police & Crime Panel, and to consider delegating authority to the Assistant Director: Law, Democracy & People Services to approve “one-off” changes to representation following consultation with the Leader.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **That the nominations to represent the Council on Telford & Wrekin Healthwatch be considered and representation for 2015/16 approved;**
- 2.2 **That Councillor H Rhodes be appointed to West Mercia Police & Crime Panel;**
- 2.3 **That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director: Law, Democracy & People Services, in consultation with the Leader, to approve “one-off” changes to representation during the municipal year following the annual appointments to Outside Bodies made by Cabinet each June.**

3.0 INFORMATION

- 3.1 A request for the Council to be represented at Member level on Telford & Wrekin Healthwatch was deferred at the last meeting to allow for further information to be obtained about the nature of such an appointment. Healthwatch Telford and Wrekin is an independent organisation which champions the voice of the people on health and social care services. It was initially established by the Council, and is a social enterprise comprising local people. It makes sure that the views of the public and the people who use NHS services locally are heard. The company is governed by a Board of Directors, and it has been clarified that a Councillor representative would be a Co-optee to the Board in order to provide a link with the Council. It has been established that members of the Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee should not be considered, as it may conflict with their role in scrutinising NHS services. Nominations have been sought from the political groups for this appointment, and the nominations received will be reported at the meeting.

- 3.2 Following the appointments to Outside Bodies approved at the Cabinet meeting on 25 June 2015, it has become apparent that Councillor Evans is no longer able to continue with her role as a member of the West Mercia Police & Crime Panel. It has been proposed that she be replaced by Councillor H Rhodes.
- 3.3 Member appointments to Outside Bodies are approved by Cabinet on an annual basis towards the start of each Municipal Year. From time to time in the ensuing year, there are minor changes to representation that have to be considered. These may result from such things as a change in the governance arrangements of external organisations or from the resignation of a Councillor. At present, these changes have to be brought to a Cabinet meeting for approval. It is suggested that to streamline this process, authority be delegated to the Assistant Director: Law, Democracy & People Services to make any such minor amendments to the Outside Bodies representation following consultation with the Leader. All political groups would continue to be able to make nominations to any vacant positions. The annual appointments in June each year would continue to be made by Cabinet.

4.0 **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

AREA

COMMENTS

Equality & Diversity
Environmental Impact
Legal Implications

Not applicable
Not applicable
The outside bodies to which this report relates are to fulfil functions which are, under the relevant statutory and constitutional provisions, cabinet functions

Opportunities & Risks
Financial Implications
Links with Corporate Priorities
Ward Implications

Not applicable
Not applicable
Not applicable
Not applicable

5.0 **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Representation on Outside Bodies report to Cabinet – 25 June 2015.

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