

Adult Social Care Committee

Item No.....

Report title:	Internal and External Appointments
Date of meeting:	4 July 2016
Responsible Chief Officer:	Anne Gibson
Strategic impact Appointments to Outside Bodies are made for a number of reasons, not least that they add value in terms of contributing towards the Council's priorities and strategic objectives. The Council also makes appointments to a number of member level internal bodies such as Boards, Panels, and Steering Groups. Responsibility for appointing to internal and external bodies lies with the Service Committees. The same applies to the positions of Member Champion.	

Executive summary

In the September 2014 cycle, Service Committees undertook a fundamental review of the Outside Bodies to which the Council appoints. The views of members who have served on these bodies together with those bodies themselves and Chief Officers were sought and reported back to Committees.

Set out in the appendix to this report are the outside and internal appointments relevant to this Committee together with the current membership.

Recommendation

- a) That Members review and where appropriate make appointments to those external bodies, internal bodies and Champions position as set out in Appendix A**

1. Proposal

Outside Bodies

1.1 In the September 2014 cycle, all organisations and the current member representatives were invited to provide feedback on the value to the Council and the organisation of continued representation and to make a recommendation to that effect. In addition, Chief Officers were consulted.

1.2 Organisations were asked a number of questions about the role of the Councillor representative. Councillor representatives were asked questions such as

how the body aligned with the Council's priorities and challenges and what the benefits are to the people of Norfolk from continued representation. Finally, both were asked whether they supported continued representation. Committees considered this information and made decisions on appointments. The appendix to this report sets out the outside bodies under the remit of this Committee. Members will note that the current representative is shown against the relevant body. Members are asked to review Appendix A and decide whether to continue to make an appointment, and if so, to agree who the member should be.

Internal bodies

1.3 Set out in Appendix A are the internal bodies that come under the remit of this Committee. There is no requirement for there to be strict political balance as the bodies concerned do not have any executive authority. The current appointments are not made on the basis of strict political proportionality, so the Committee may, if it wishes to retain a particular body, change the political makeup. The members shown in the appendix are those currently serving on the body.

2. Evidence

2.1 The views of the Councillor representative, the organisation and Chief Officer were reported to the Committee when it undertook its fundamental review of appointments in 2014.

3. Financial Implications

3.1 The decisions members make will have a small financial implication for the members allowances budget, as attendance at an internal or external body is an approved duty under the scheme, for which members may claim travel expenses.

4. Issues, risks and innovation

4.1 There are no other relevant implications to be considered by members.

5. Background

5.1 The Council makes appointments to a significant number of internal bodies and external bodies. Under the Committee system, responsibility for these bodies lies with the Service Committees.

5.2 There is no requirement for a member of an internal body to be appointed from the "parent committee". In certain categories of outside bodies it will be most appropriate for the local member to be appointed; in others, Committees will wish to have the flexibility to appoint the most appropriate member regardless of their division or committee membership. In this way a "whole Council" approach can be taken to appointments.

Background Papers – There are no background papers relevant to the preparation of this report

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Adult Social Care Committee Boards, Panels, and Steering Groups

2015/16 Appointments shown

1. Independence Matters Enterprise Development Board (2)

Chairman of the Committee and Julie Brociek-Coulton

This body was created to oversee the development of Social Enterprise.

Adult Social Care Committee Outside Bodies

2. Norfolk Council on Ageing (1)

Sue Whitaker

The organisation's vision is that older people live well in Norfolk and its mission statement is to support older people in the County to enjoy the opportunities and meet the challenges of later life. The Council provides a wide variety of services to older people and their carers across the County.

3. Queen Elizabeth Hospital Trust – Governors' Council (1)

Jim Perkins

The Trust achieved Foundation Trust status in February 2011, at which time the 'shadow' Governors' Council gained it legal authority. The Governors' Council totals 33. There are 9 appointed governors, 6 staff governors (3 clinical and 3 non-clinical) and 19 publicly voted governors (9 from West Norfolk, 2 from North Norfolk, 4 from Cambridgeshire, 1 from Breckland, and 1 from South East Lincolnshire and the Rest of England).

4. Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust – Partner Governor (1)

Sue Whitaker

Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust provides mental health services, alcohol treatment, learning disability and eating disorder services across Norfolk and Suffolk. It was formed from the merger of the two former county mental health trusts in the two counties. The Board of Governors represent the interests of the members and partner organisations in the local health economy in the governance the trust, and for sharing information about key decisions with the membership. There is a statutory requirement for Council representation.

5. Norfolk Community Health and Care NHS Trust Shadow Council of Governors
(2)

(1 representing Adults) Elizabeth Morgan
(1 representing Children) Emma Corlett

Norfolk Community Health & Care NHS Trust is responsible for community health provision across all of Norfolk except for Great Yarmouth and Waveney. This includes community hospitals and a full range of non-acute services including community nursing, health visiting, and school nursing services.

Council appointees as a Governor of an NHS Trust should not also be members of the Norfolk Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee because of the potential / perceived conflict of interest.

6. Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital Trust – Council of Governors (1)

Brian Watkins

The Trust provides the Norfolk and Norwich hospital, providing acute hospital care for almost 1m patients annually. Council appointees as a Governor of an NHS Trust should not also be members of the Norfolk Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee because of the potential / perceived conflict of interest.

7. Governors Council of James Paget University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
(1)

Julie Brociek-Coulton

The Governors' Council holds the Board of Directors to account for the performance of the Trust. Council appointees as a Governor of an NHS Trust should not also be members of the Norfolk Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee because of the potential / perceived conflict of interest.

Adult Social Care Committee Champions

Mental Health – Emma Corlett
Carers – Julie Brociek-Coulton
Older People – Denis Crawford
Learning Difficulties – Elizabeth Morgan
Physical Disability and Sensory Impairment – Jonathan Childs