

Committee: Council

Date: 9 July 2014

Subject: Changes to Membership of Committees and related matters

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Recommendations:

- A. That Council note the changes to the membership of Committees approved under delegated powers since the last meeting of the Council;
 - B. That Council note the revised terms of reference for the Corporate Parenting Group, including how this relates to Councillors' membership in the future.
 - C. That Council agree that the current membership of the South West London Joint Health and Scrutiny Overview and Committee, namely Councillor Peter McCabe and Councillor Brian Lewis-Lavender (substitute Councillor Brenda Fraser) should represent Merton on the new standing joint health scrutiny committee until Council has an opportunity to agree its constitution and formally appoint members.
 - D. That the Council constitutes the establishment of a Joint Committee for the shared Regulatory Service with London Borough of Merton (lead authority) with the other participating authorities, and appointment of two Members to this joint committee.
 - E. That the Council appoints a Councillor to fill the Council position on the South West London and St. George's Mental HealthTrust – Council of Governors
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. This report asks the Council to note the membership changes made under delegated powers since the publication of the agenda for the council meeting held on 4 June 2014 and to endorse the change of terms of reference of the Corporate Parenting Group.
- 1.2. The report seeks to establish an interim arrangement for the South West London Joint Health and Scrutiny Overview and Committee prior to the expected establishment of a new standing joint health scrutiny committee.
- 1.3. It also seeks approval and membership from the Council for the establishment of a Joint Committee for the Shared Regulatory Service,
- 1.4. To seek an appointment to fill the new position on the Council of Governors to the South West London and St. George's Mental Health NHS Trust.

2 DETAILS

2.1. The following membership changes have been made under delegated powers in accordance with section A4 of part 3F of the Constitution:

Committee	Member resigning	replaced by	date
Standards	Tobin Byers	Katy Neep	17/06/14
Sustainable Communities Panel	David Dean	Stephen Crowe	19/06/14
South West London Joint Health O&S Ctte	Vacancy	Suzanne Grocott (substitute)	19/06/14
Standards	Katy Neep	Tobin Byers	23/06/14

2.2. **Corporate Parenting Group**

The Corporate Parenting Group revised its terms of reference and membership at its last meeting, (a copy attached as Appendix A).

It should be noted that the appointments made by the Council at its Annual Council meeting are consistent with the changes made to the terms of reference, with the exception of the removal of the ability to have a substitute. The council members are Councillor Maxi Martin (the Cabinet Member for Children's Services) and Councillor Linda Taylor (an opposition member who is the Vice Chairman of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel).

2.3. **New Standing Joint Health Scrutiny Committee**

A South West London Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee was set up specifically to review proposals and consultation of the Better Services Better Value review of health services. The review has been dissolved therefore this committee needs to be disbanded. The six boroughs have agreed that South West London needs a standing joint scrutiny committee with a broader remit which is able to respond to issues as they arise, as is the case in other sub regions. Therefore it is proposed to set up a South West London Joint Overview and Scrutiny Standing Committee that will consider strategic issues or major reconfiguration proposals affecting health services in the South West London area.

Five of the South West London boroughs have been formally approached by the South West London and St Georges Mental Health Trust to set up joint arrangements to review proposals for a public consultation on their Estates Modernisation Programme. A meeting has been arranged for 17 July, which proposes to dissolve the current Joint Health Scrutiny Committee and agree terms of reference for the standing committee, as well as to discuss the consultation proposals. Council is therefore asked to agree that members of the South West London Joint Health Overview and

Scrutiny Committee should represent the Council on any meeting of the new standing joint health scrutiny committee until Council can formally agree its constitution and appoint membership.

2.4. Joint Regulatory Service Committee

Council is requested to agree to the establishment of a Joint Committee with the London Borough of Richmond, with Merton being the lead authority. It is further requested to nominate 2 Members to sit represent the Council on the Joint Committee. The Joint Committee will have overall responsibility for the policy, strategic decisions, oversight and monitoring of the Shared Service delivered by the Merton as the Host Authority.

The Joint Committee shall in particular:

- Review and set the service level obligations for the functions contained in the shared service
- Review the Shared Service performance against the requirements agreed by the Councils
- Review and monitor a risk register for all aspects of the Shared Service
- Be responsible for any matter relating to the Shared Service not specifically reserved to any Council or the Head of Shared Service
- Determine and review the charging and funding mechanisms of the operation of the Shared Service
- Establish future direction and expectations of the Shared Service

2.5. South West London and St. George's Mental Health NHS Trust - Council of Governors

The Council has been offered one of the 40 positions on the Council of Governors for the South West London and St. George's Mental Health NHS Trust. The responsibility of this role includes to collectively hold the Non-Executive Directors to account for the performance of the Board of Directors and of the Trust.

3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

3.1. N/A

4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

4.1. N/A

5 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

5.1. None for the purposes of this report.

6 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

6.1. The information regarding membership changes in this report complies with legal and statutory requirements.

7 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

7.1. None for the purposes of this report.

8 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

8.1. None for the purposes of this report.

9 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

9.1. N/A

10 APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT

Appendix A – Corporate Parenting Group terms of reference.

11 BACKGROUND PAPERS

11.1. Documents from the authorised officer confirming approval of the membership changes agreed under delegated powers.

Corporate Parenting Group Terms of Reference

Understanding and championing the needs and ambitions of Looked After Children and care leavers across the Merton Partnership.

Ensuring joined up pathways in education, health, employability, leisure and recreation, for Merton LAC, LAC children overseen by the Virtual School and Merton Care Leavers.

Receiving direct feedback from Merton Children in Care Council and the wider Looked After Children population, to improve council and partner service development and delivery.

Providing mutual challenge within and across the partnership to prioritise continuous improvement for services and outcomes.

Giving conspicuous care and attention to particularly vulnerable Looked After Children such as young offenders, substance misusers and pregnant teenagers, to ensure effective risk assessment and appropriate service support.

Membership of CPG

Job Title (Role)
Service Manager, Early Years
Complaints Officer, Information Governance
Team Manager, 14+
Cabinet Member for Children's Services
Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel (opposition Member)
Chief Executive
Service Manager, Merton CAMHS at South West London and St Georges Mental Health NHS Trust
Participation Co-ordinator
Head of Virtual School
Service Manager, Service Manager Access to Resources
Head of Children's Social Care
Business Support Officer to Paul Angeli
Service Manager, LAC, Permanency & Placements
Executive Assistant to Ged Curran, Chief Executive
Director of Children, Schools and Families
Deputy Research & Information Manager