

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Council

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WARD(S): All

PART I **FOR DECISION**

APPOINTMENT TO SLOUGH WELLBEING BOARD

1. Purpose of Report

To consider the recommendation of the Slough Wellbeing Board to appoint an additional member to the Board and to note a change to the Councillor representation for the remainder of the municipal year.

2. Recommendations

The Council is requested to resolve that;

- (a) That the Chief Executive of the Slough Children's Services Trust be appointed to the Slough Wellbeing Board; and
- (b) That the nomination of the Leader of the Council that the Commissioner for Health & Social Care is the sole councillor representative on the Slough Wellbeing Board be noted, and that the membership of the Board be adjusted accordingly.

3. The Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy, the JSNA and the Council's Five Year Plan

Effective, transparent and equitable democratic and decision making processes are an essential pre-requisite to the delivery of all the Council's priorities.

The appointment would contribute to the following priorities:

Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy 2016-2020:

- 1: Protecting vulnerable children
- 2: Increasing life expectancy by focussing on inequalities
- 3: Improving mental health and wellbeing
- 4: Housing

Five Year Plan Outcome 5:

- Children and young people in Slough will be healthy, resilient and have positive life chances

4. Legal, Financial and Other Implications

Financial implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Legal implications

Health & Wellbeing Boards were established under the Health & Social Care Act 2012. The Act specified the core membership of a Health & Wellbeing Board as follows:

- At least one councillor;
- The director of adult social services;
- The director of children's services;
- The director of public health;
- A Healthwatch representative;
- A representative from the Clinical Commissioning Group; and
- Any other members considered appropriate by the Council.

The Council is able to appoint other members as it thinks appropriate, following consultation with the Health and Wellbeing Board. In Slough, the Wellbeing Board includes several non-statutory members who contribute positively to the work of the partnership including Thames Valley Police, Royal Berkshire Fire & Rescue Service, Slough CVS and representatives of the business sector.

5. Supporting Information

Children's Services Representation

- 5.1 It is a requirement to appoint to the Committees, quasi-judicial and other bodies as set out in the Constitution and to consider recommendations from the Health and Wellbeing Board in relation to its membership.
- 5.2 At its meeting on 16th November 2016, the Slough Wellbeing Board agreed to recommend to Council that the Chief Executive of Slough Children's Services Trust become a member of the Board. The recommendation reflects the specific circumstances in Slough relating to the delivery of children's services and the priority that the Board has given to the protection of vulnerable children in the refreshed Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy.
- 5.3 The Board also noted that Jo Moxon, recently appointed as the Interim Director of Children's Services, would join the Slough Wellbeing Board as a statutory member.

Councillor Representation

- 5.4 For Council's that operate executive arrangements, the Health & Social Care Act 2012 states that the Leader of the Council may nominate the councillor(s) to represent the authority on the Board. Since the inception of the Board in 2013, the Leader and relevant Commissioner have both been members.
- 5.5 The Leader of the Council has confirmed that he has nominated the Commissioner for Health & Social Care as the sole Councillor representative on the Board. The Commissioner was elected as Chair of the Slough Wellbeing Board at its meeting on 20th July 2016. Councillor representation will be reviewed at the end of the municipal year.

6. Appendices

None.