

Report to: **Governance Committee**

Date: **23 June 2020**

By: **Assistant Chief Executive**

Title: **Amendments to Constitution – East Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board Terms of Reference**

Purpose: **To seek approval on the recommended changes to the membership, meeting structure of the East Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board**

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Governance Committee is recommended to recommend the County Council to:

- 1) approve the revised terms of reference for the East Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board as set out in appendix 1; and**
 - 2) agree to amend the Constitution accordingly**
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1. Background

1.1. The East Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) was established by East Sussex County Council under the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

1.2. The purpose of the HWB includes providing whole system leadership for the health and wellbeing of the people of East Sussex and the development of sustainable and integrated health and care services.

1.3. The 2012 Act prescribes a number of statutory members of a health and wellbeing board, including at least one member of the local Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), which are the NHS organisations responsible for commissioning most local health services. The current terms of reference need to be updated to reflect the merger of the three CCGs in East Sussex into a single CCG from 1 April 2020.

2. Supporting Information

2.1. The HWB includes representation from all bodies in East Sussex with major responsibilities for commissioning and providing health services, public health and social care. The current membership of the HWB comprises:

- 4 Members of the County Council chosen by the Leader of the Council
- 2 Members representing the five District and Borough Councils
- East Sussex County Council Director of Public Health
- East Sussex County Council Director of Adult Social Care and Health
- East Sussex County Council Director of Children's Services
- Chief Executive of East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust
- Chief Executive of Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust
- Chief Executive of Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

- **One representative from each East Sussex Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG)**
- One representative of NHS England South
- One representative of Healthwatch East Sussex

2.2. On 1 April 2020, the three CCGs in East Sussex, High Weald Lewes Havens CCG, Eastbourne, Hailsham and Seaford CCG and Hastings and Rother CCG, merged to form East Sussex CCG. Under the current terms of reference, East Sussex CCG would only be entitled to a single member on the HWB instead of the three representatives of the CCGs prior to 1 April.

2.3. In order to maintain the balance of CCG membership on the Board, it is proposed that the terms of reference be amended as follows:

- 4 Members of the County Council chosen by the Leader of the Council
- 2 Members representing the five District and Borough Councils
- East Sussex County Council Director of Public Health
- East Sussex County Council Director of Adult Social Care and Health
- East Sussex County Council Director of Children's Services
- Chief Executive of East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust
- Chief Executive of Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust
- Chief Executive of Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
- **Three representatives of the East Sussex Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)**
- One representative of NHS England South
- One representative of Healthwatch East Sussex

2.4. The revised terms of reference are attached as **appendix 1**.

3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

3.1. In order to maintain the current balance of membership on the HWB, the Governance Committee is recommended to recommend the County Council to approve the revised terms of reference for the East Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board as set out in appendix 1; and agree to amend the Constitution accordingly.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None