

Derbyshire County Council

Cabinet Member Meeting - Strategic Policy and Budget

10 November 2014

Report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources

**Joint Health Scrutiny – Greater Manchester
Joint Health Scrutiny Committee**

1. Purpose of the Report

To inform the Cabinet Member of the requirement for the Council to become a member of the Greater Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Committee in order to participate in the Healthier Together consultation programme regarding the reconfiguration of services across the Greater Manchester Area which includes the High Peak and to approve the appointment of Caitlin Bisknell to the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee as a non-voting member pending further consideration at the next Council meeting.

2. Information and Analysis

The Greater Manchester Association of Clinical Commissioning Groups notified the Chief Executives of the Greater Manchester Local Authorities of its intention to carry out a statutory consultation on the proposed reconfiguration of some hospital services across Greater Manchester, under the auspices of the Healthier Together Programme.

In accordance with the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny, Regulations 2013), this requires the formation of joint scrutiny arrangements across the areas affected by the proposals. The Greater Manchester Authorities had previously set up a Joint Health Scrutiny Panel for the purposes of scrutinising the NHS in Greater Manchester. It was determined that this Panel should become the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee for the purposes of the Healthier Together Programme. This Panel has been renamed The Greater Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Committee. In accordance with the Regulations, only the Joint Committee will have the opportunity to respond to the consultation regarding the reconfiguration of services.

It has been identified that this reconfiguration of hospital services will affect the Derbyshire residents living in the High Peak. Therefore, in order for Derbyshire County Council to participate in the consultation programme, the Council must become a member of the Greater Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Committee. Council will be asked to approve the County Council becoming a member of the Greater Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Committee for the purposes of the Healthier Together Consultation and to approve the terms of reference at its meeting on 2 December 2014.

Therefore, pending further consideration of this matter by the Council, approval is sought for Councillor Bisknell to attend the meetings of the Greater Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Committee as a non-voting member.

3. Legal Considerations

As contained in the report.

4. Health Considerations

The proposals outlined by the Healthier Together consultation programme will affect the services provided to Derbyshire residents in the High Peak.

5. Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following practice has also been considered; financial, prevention of crime and disorder, equality of opportunity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport consideration.

6. Key Decision

No

7. Call in - Is it required that call-in be waived for any decision on this report?

No

8. Background papers

None

9. Officer Recommendations

That the Cabinet Member:

- (i) approves the appointment of Councillor Bisknell as the representative for Derbyshire County Council as a non-voting member of the Greater Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Panel and
- (ii) notes the proposals to be put to Council on 2nd December 2014

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