

DUDLEY HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Agenda Item No 10

REPORT SUMMARY SHEET

DATE	<u>25th March, 2015</u>
TITLE OF REPORT	Governance Arrangements
Organisation and Author	Dudley MBC – Joe Jablonski
Purpose of the report	To consider revised arrangements in respect of voting at Board meetings; the election of a vice-chair of the Board and composition of the Board
Key points to note	<p>1. to consider a revised arrangement for voting at Board meetings .</p> <p>2. to consider a suggestion that the vice-chair of the Board be elected from the non elected members of the Board.</p> <p>3. to note the revised membership of the Board in the light of the Council's restructuring of 2nd and 3rd tier posts</p>
Recommendations for the Board	That the key points above be discussed and that, if appropriate, a recommendation be made to Annual Council in May, 2015 regarding voting arrangements at future meetings of the Board
Item type	Business for discussion and possible recommendation
H&WB strategy priority area	All

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REPORT OF: Strategic Director (Resources and Transformation)

TITLE OF REPORT - Governance Arrangements

HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY PRIORITY

1. This item will impact on the consideration given to all priority areas.

PURPOSE OF REPORT

2. To consider revised arrangements in respect of voting at Board meetings; the election of a vice-chair of the Board and composition of the Board.

BACKGROUND

3. Currently, the protocols of the Board state that only the four elected members and the Chair of the Clinical Commissioning Group (or his substitute, if appropriate) will be entitled to vote, in the event of a vote being required. Business will usually be determined on the basis of consensus.
4. This position was confirmed following consideration by the Board at a meeting held on 29th April, 2013 of a report on Next Steps for the Board with a recommendation to Annual Council on 16th May, 2013 that the voting arrangements remain the same as previously adopted. The recommendation was accepted by Annual Council.
5. Under a provision of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 (2013 No 218) –

A person who is a member of a Health and Wellbeing Board...shall not be treated as a non-voting member of the Board...unless the local authority which established the Board otherwise directs.

Before making a direction under the above, the local authority must consult the Health and Wellbeing Board.

6. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board are elected at the first meeting of the Board in each municipal year and from the inception of the Board have been elected members of the Council.
7. Research that has been carried out indicates that whilst other Boards follow this practice a number have other Board members as their vice-chair; sometimes on a rotation basis, including the Clinical Commissioning Group Lead.
8. Following proposals to restructure the top management tiers of the Council certain members of the Board have already left the employment of the Council and others will do so in the coming months.

9. Arising from these changes the following post holders, including those yet to take up their posts, will become members and attend future meetings of the Board –

Strategic Director (People Services) – Tony Oakman

Strategic Director (Place) – John Millar until July, 2015

Chief Officer (Heath and Wellbeing) – Deborah Harkins

Chief Officer (Adult Social Care) – Matt Bowsher

Interim Chief Officer (Children's Services) – Merlin Joseph

Chief Officer (Housing) – Mark Rodgers.

10. The above will replace the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services, the Interim Director of Children's Services, Interim Director of Public Health and Assistant Director of Planning and Environmental Health.
11. Officers providing Officer Support will also be subject to change.
12. The current membership of the Board is shown at Appendix 1 to this report.

THE MAIN ITEMS OF THE REPORT

13. To discuss and if appropriate make a recommendation to Annual Council on 21st May, 2015 on revised voting arrangements at future Board meetings.
14. To discuss whether to elect ,at the first meeting in future municipal years, a Board member who is not an elected member to the position of vice-chair of the board
15. To note changes to the membership of the Board arising from restructuring of the top tiers of management.

FINANCE

16. There are no direct financial implications arising from the items raised in this report.

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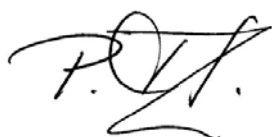
17. The Board was set up under provisions of the Health and Social Care Act, 2012. The Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 introduced changes to voting arrangements at Board meetings should a local authority so determine.

EQUALITY IMPACT

18. There are no direct implications for equality issues in relation to the proposals contained in this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

19. To discuss and if appropriate make a recommendation to Annual Council on 21st May, 2015 on voting arrangements at future meetings of the Board.
20. To discuss and if appropriate elect a Board Member other than an elected member to the position of vice-chair of the Board at initial meetings of the Board in future municipal years and to consider whether this should be on a rotation basis.
21. To note changes to the membership of the Board arising from a Council restructure of the top tiers of management



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Appendix 1

MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD

Councillors D Branwood, T Crumpton, R Harris and N Neale

T.Oakman - Strategic Director (People)

J.Millar - Strategic Director (Place)

M.Bowsher - Chief Officer (Adult Social Care)

D.Harkins - Chief Officer (Health and Wellbeing)

M. Joseph - Interim Chief Officer (Children's Services)

M.Rodgers - Chief Officer (Housing)

R.Clayton -Chair of Safeguarding Boards

Dudley GP Clinical Commissioning Group -

Dr D Hegarty, Dr S Cartwright and Mr P Maubach

A Taylor - Local Area Team – NHS Commissioning Board – Lead Director for Dudley

A Gray – Chief Executive Officer, Dudley Council for Voluntary Services

P Bradbury – Chair of Healthwatch Dudley

Chief Superintendent Johnson – West Midlands Police

N Griffiths – West Midlands Fire and Rescue Service

OFFICER SUPPORT

B Clifford (Assistant Director, Adult Social Care, Adult, Community and Housing Services)

I McGuff (Assistant Director, Quality and Partnership, Children's Services)

N Bucktin, Head of Partnership Commissioning (CCG)

K Jackson, Public Health

J Jablonski, Democratic Services