

Birmingham City Council

Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Subject: Appointment of Members of the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

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1 Purpose

- 1.1 To consider the appointment of Birmingham City Council members of the Birmingham City Council and Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) and Birmingham City Council and Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council Joint HOSC.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 To appoint the Birmingham City Council members of the Birmingham and Sandwell Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) and Birmingham and Solihull Joint HOSC

3 Membership.

- 3.1 The arrangements for the Joint HOSC membership are set out in the Terms of Reference attached as appendices and shown below;
- 3.2 **Birmingham CC and Sandwell MBC Joint HOSC:** Membership of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee will be nominated by the Sandwell and Birmingham scrutiny committees that have responsibility for discharging the statutory health scrutiny function.
- 3.3 Membership of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee will reflect the political balance of each respective authority. For a committee of ten members the ratio for Sandwell is 5 members (4:1) and for Birmingham it is 5 members (Labour: 3, Conservative:1, Liberal Democrats:1).

3.4 **Birmingham CC and Solihull MBC Joint HOSC:** Membership of the Joint HOSC will be nominated by the Birmingham City Council and Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council.

3.5 Membership of the Joint Scrutiny Committee will reflect the political balance of each local authority. For a committee of ten members the ratio for Solihull is 5 members (3:1:1) and for Birmingham it is 5 members (Labour: 3, Conservative:1, Liberal Democrats:1).

4 Any Finance Implications

4.1 No direct financial implications

5 Any Legal Implications

5.1 No direct legal implications

6 Any Equalities Implications

6.1 The Council has a Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act (2010) to have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

5.2 The Committee should ensure that it addresses these duties by considering them during work programme development, the scoping of work, evidence gathering and making recommendations. This should include considering: How policy issues impact on different groups within the community, particularly those that share a relevant protected characteristic; Whether the impact on particular groups is fair and proportionate; Whether there is equality of access to services and fair representation of all groups within Birmingham; Whether any positive opportunities to advance equality of opportunity and/or good relations between people are being realised.

7 Appendices

7.1 Appendix 1 – Birmingham CC and Sandwell MBC Terms of Reference
Appendix 2 – Birmingham CC and Solihull MBC Terms of Reference.