
Report to: Cabinet

Date of Meeting: 19 January 2012

Subject: Appointment of Representatives on Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Cheshire and Merseyside Vascular Service Review

Report of: Director of Corporate Commissioning **Wards:** All

Is this a Key Decision? No

Is it included in the Forward Plan? No

Exempt/Confidential No

Purpose/Summary

To consider the appointment of the Council's Representatives on the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Cheshire and Merseyside Vascular Service Review, for the duration of its existence.

Recommendation(s)

The Cabinet is recommended to appoint the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Health and Social Care) and the two spokespersons (Councillors Griffiths, Hill and Webster) or their nominees to the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee, established to scrutinise the Cheshire and Merseyside Vascular Service Review.

How does the decision contribute to the Council's Corporate Objectives?

	<u>Corporate Objective</u>	<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community		√	
2	Jobs and Prosperity		√	
3	Environmental Sustainability		√	
4	Health and Well-Being	√		
5	Children and Young People		√	
6	Creating Safe Communities		√	
7	Creating Inclusive Communities	√		
8	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening Local Democracy	√		

Reasons for the Recommendation:

The Cabinet has delegated powers to appoint the Council’s representatives to serve on Outside Bodies, as appropriate.

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs

None arising from this report.

(B) Capital Costs

None arising from this report.

Implications:

The following implications of this proposal have been considered and where there are specific implications, these are set out below:

Legal None		
Human Resources None		
Equality		
1.	No Equality Implication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.	Equality Implications identified and mitigated	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Equality Implication identified and risk remains	<input type="checkbox"/>

Impact on Service Delivery:

The appointment of Council representatives onto the Outside Body indicated will ensure that the interests of Sefton residents are taken into account by the Body concerned.

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Health and Social Care) has been consulted on the Cheshire and Merseyside Vascular Service Review and has nominated the Councillors mentioned within this report to the Outside Body concerned.

The Head of Corporate Finance & ICT (FD1290/11) has been consulted and has no comments to make, since there are no financial consequences as a result of this report. The Head of Corporate Legal Services (LD 631/12) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

Are there any other options available for consideration?

No

Implementation Date for the Decision

Following the expiry of the “call-in” period for the Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting.

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Background Papers:

There are no background papers available for inspection.

1. Introduction/Background

- 1.1 At a recent meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Health and Social Care), the Committee was briefed on the progress made to date regarding a review of the Cheshire and Merseyside Vascular Services. As the proposals within the review represented a substantial variation in the provision of the service to Sefton residents, in addition to other areas of Merseyside and Cheshire, the NHS Merseyside Cluster was requesting the establishment of a joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to specifically discuss the vascular services proposals and recommendations which were summarised in the briefing paper submitted to the Committee.
- 1.2 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Health and Social Care) requested that the Chair and Spokespersons for the Committee (namely Councillors Griffiths, Hill and Webster), or in the event that they are unable to attend, nominations from their Political Groups, be nominated to the membership of the joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 1.3 A copy of the relevant Minute is attached to this report.

2. Matters for Consideration

- 2.1 The Cabinet has delegated authority, as stated within the Council's Constitution, to appoint Council representatives to serve on Outside Bodies. The majority of the appointments are reviewed on an annual basis.
- 2.2 Formal approval to appoint Councillors Griffiths, Hill and Webster to the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee, established to scrutinise the Cheshire and Merseyside Vascular Service Review, is now sought.
- 2.3 The relevant Overview and Scrutiny Officer has been advised that once the Cheshire and Merseyside Vascular Service Review has been completed, this particular Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee will cease to exist.

46. CHESHIRE AND MERSEYSIDE VASCULAR SERVICES REVIEW

The Committee considered a briefing paper, submitted via the NHS Merseyside Cluster, on the progress made in regard to the Cheshire and Merseyside Vascular Services Review; explaining plans for public consultation; and requesting a joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be formed, to include Liverpool, Knowsley and Sefton, to specifically discuss the vascular services proposals and recommendations which were summarised in the briefing and were fully explained in Annexe A to the briefing paper. A number of attachments with detailed information were included with the briefing paper,

This Committee was requested to discuss and note the proposals and to identify any further information it would wish to receive as part of the consultation.

The recommendations on the matter were summarised in key areas, as follows:-

- Two networks had been commissioned to cover Cheshire and Merseyside, with one arterial centre in each network. Proposed arterial sites were the Countess of Chester Hospital, and the Royal Liverpool Hospital;
- Cheshire and Merseyside PCT's had recommend that an Implementation Board, led by clinical commissioning groups, was convened as soon as possible, to oversee the process; and
- The development of networks to deliver vascular services would be considered by the NHS as a substantial variation on how current vascular services were delivered and therefore public and patient engagement should be based and compliant with Section 242 of the NHS Act 2006, in regard to planning provision of service; the proposals for change in the way those services were provided, and decisions to be made by the NHS organisations affecting the operation of services. In addition it would be compliant to Section 244, Section 7 of the Health and Social Care Act 2001.

Jackie Robinson, Head of Engagement and Involvement, NHS Knowsley, was in attendance and addressed the Committee on the matter.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the progress made to date with regard to the Cheshire and Merseyside Vascular Services Review; together with the proposals for progressing the matter, be noted;
- (2) this Committee acknowledges that the proposals for vascular services represent a substantial variation in the provision of the service in Sefton, in addition to other areas of Merseyside and Cheshire; and
- (3) with regard to the proposal for the establishment of a joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee, comprised of Members from those local authorities affected by the proposed changes, the Chair and Spokespersons for this Committee, or in the

event that they are unable to attend, nominations from their Political Groups, be nominated to the membership of the joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee.