

**DRAFT PROPOSALS TO CHANGE MEMBERSHIP OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE  
HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

*To:* **Constitution and Ethics Committee**

*Meeting Date:* **19th April 2016**

*From:* **Dr Liz Robin, Director of Public Health**

*Electoral division(s):* **All**

*Purpose:* **The Constitution and Ethics Committee is asked to note the current draft proposals to make changes to the membership of the Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB)**

*Recommendation:* **The Constitution and Ethics Committee is asked:**

- a) to note the current draft proposals to make changes to the membership of the Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB)**
- b) to delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Chairwoman and Vice-Chairman of the Constitution and Ethics Committee and Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB), to recommend the final proposed changes to the membership of the Cambridgeshire HWB to full Council on 10th May 2016.**

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## **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 A development session for members of the Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) was held on 29 October 2015. The development session was based around the Local Government Association (LGA) report, 'Making it better together: A call to action on the future of health and wellbeing boards'.
- 1.2 A report outlining the main topics of discussion at this development session was presented to the HWB on 19 November 2015. At the meeting, it was agreed to establish a time-limited working group to further develop some of the main ideas raised at the development session. A small number of HWB members volunteered to join this working group, hereafter referred to as the 'HWB Working Group'.
- 1.3 The HWB Working Group met for the first time on 25 January 2016 and discussed what were considered to be the key points raised at the HWB's development session in October 2015.
- 1.4 A summary of these discussions was circulated to the wider membership of the Cambridgeshire HWB for initial comments, feedback and direction. As a consequence, the HWB Working Group met for a second time on 22 February 2016 to further refine its thinking based on this feedback.
- 1.5 One of the key proposals developed by the HWB Working Group is to refine the Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Board's membership to ensure the board reflects a more equal partnership between local authorities and health.
- 1.6 This draft proposal to change the HWB's membership, along with other draft proposals developed by the HWB Working Group, was discussed with the Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Board at its meeting on 17 March 2016.
- 1.7 As the Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Board is a Council Committee, any proposed changes to its membership must be considered by the Constitution and Ethics Committee and approved by Full Council.

## **2. DRAFT PROPOSALS TO CHANGE THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD'S MEMBERSHIP**

- 2.1 At the time of writing this report, there is still a process of engagement ongoing on draft proposals to change the membership of the Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB).
- 2.2 The draft proposal taken to the Cambridgeshire HWB on 17 March 2016 was to:
  - Reduce elected Councillor membership on the Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing from the current 10 (5 County Councillors and 5 District Councillors) to 5 elected Councillors (County and District) in total
  - Offer each of the main providers of NHS services in Cambridgeshire a position on the Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Board. This equated to 5 representatives for providers (a mixture of influential non-executive directors and executives)
  - Adopt a co-chair or vice-chair arrangement with NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)

2.3 This proposal would mean a potential alternative Health and Wellbeing Board membership of:

- 5 local elected representatives (a combination of county and district councillors, with a geographical and ideally political spread)
- 2 representatives of NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group
- 5 provider representatives (3 non-executives and 2 executives – 1 representative for each main provider in Cambridgeshire)
- Healthwatch Cambridgeshire representative
- Executive Director for Children, Families and Adults
- Director of Public Health for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough
- NHS England representative
- Chief Finance Officer
- Voluntary sector representative (co-opted)

2.4 Discussion at the Health and Wellbeing Board on 17 March was very supportive of the need to create a more equal partnership between local authorities and the NHS on the Health and Wellbeing Board and supported the following proposals:

- Invite 5 representatives for providers (mix of influential non-executive directors and executives)
- Co-chair or vice-chair arrangements with CCG
- Board-to-board meetings with Peterborough, explore joint programmes of work
- Strengthen links with Local Health Partnerships at district level, and potentially with local Integrated Care Boards

Health and Wellbeing Board members expressed concern about the proposal to reduce Councillor membership - particularly as the needs and input from each District were felt to be very different across the County.

### **3. NEXT STEPS**

- 3.1 The Cambridgeshire Public Services Board is being consulted on the draft proposals developed by the HWB Working Group at its meeting on 13 April 2016. Discussions will also be held with chief officers of local NHS providers through the shadow Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Health Executive. The outcome of these consultations and discussions will be reported orally to the Committee.
- 3.2 Final proposals to make changes to the Cambridgeshire HWB's membership, and any other proposals about ways of working, will return to the Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Board at a special meeting to be held on 21 April 2016.
- 3.3 County Councillor membership of the Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Board is expected to be formally agreed at Council's Annual Meeting on 10 May 2016.

Source Documents	Location
Local Government Association (LGA), 'Making it better together: A call to action on the future of health and wellbeing boards'.	<a href="http://www.local.gov.uk/documents/10180/6869714/L15-254+Making+it+better+together+-+A+call+to+action+on+the+future+of+health+and+wellbeing+boards/311885a4-5597-4007-8069-46bc2732d6a2">http://www.local.gov.uk/documents/10180/6869714/L15-254+Making+it+better+together+-+A+call+to+action+on+the+future+of+health+and+wellbeing+boards/311885a4-5597-4007-8069-46bc2732d6a2</a>
19 November 2015 Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Board - update on Health and Wellbeing Board Development Day	<a href="http://www2.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/CommitteeMinutes/Committees/AgendaItem.aspx?agendaItemID=12358">http://www2.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/CommitteeMinutes/Committees/AgendaItem.aspx?agendaItemID=12358</a>
17 March 2016 Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Board - feedback from working group's discussions	<a href="http://www2.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/CommitteeMinutes/Committees/AgendaItem.aspx?agendaItemID=13061">http://www2.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/CommitteeMinutes/Committees/AgendaItem.aspx?agendaItemID=13061</a>