

**CO-OPTION OF VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR MEMBER**

To: Health and Wellbeing Board

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**1.0 PURPOSE**

1.1 To outline the process of appointing a representative for the local voluntary and community sector (VCS) to join membership of the Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB).

**2.0 BACKGROUND**

2.1 At its meeting on 15 January 2015, the HWB agreed to expand its membership to include a representative for Cambridgeshire's voluntary and community sector.

2.2 It was agreed that Cambridgeshire's Councils for Voluntary Services would be consulted to nominate a representative.

**3.0 KEY POINTS**

**3.1 Co-option**

3.1.1 As set out in the Council's Constitution (Part 4.4), the Health and Wellbeing Board has the power to appoint up to three people at any one time as non-voting co-opted members of the Board.

3.1.2 The exact wording from the Constitution is reproduced below:

*The Chairman/woman or the Board will be entitled to appoint, in consultation with the Board via e-mail, up to 3 people at any one time as non-voting co-opted members of the Board. The Board shall determine whether the co-options shall be for a specified period, for specific meetings or for specific items.*

*Co-options may only be made if the person co-opted has particular knowledge or elected expertise in the functions for which the Board is responsible, or knowledge/responsibility for a geographic or academic agenda issue.*

### **3.2 Nominating a VCS representative**

- 3.2.1 This option, as well as the potential advantages and disadvantages of co-opted membership, was offered to the local Councils for Voluntary Services.
- 3.2.2 The Councils for Voluntary Services agreed to the co-option for the short to medium term, but with a view to reviewing the situation at a later date to consider whether full membership would be preferable in the long term.
- 3.2.3 Each of the Councils for Voluntary Services in Cambridgeshire was consulted to nominate a suitable VCS representative.
- 3.2.4 It has been proposed that Julie Farrow, Chief Executive of Hunts Forum of Voluntary Organisations is co-opted to the Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 3.2.5 Julie is currently a member of the officer-led, Health and Wellbeing Board Support Group has been involved in a number of the Board's stakeholder events and development days.

### **4.0 ALIGNMENT WITH THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY**

- 4.1 The co-option of a VCS representative to the Health and Wellbeing Board aligns with Priority 6 of the Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy, to work together effectively.

### **5.0 DECISION REQUIRED**

- 5.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to consider and approve the proposal to co-opt a VCS representative to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

<b>Source Documents</b>	<b>Location</b>
Cambridgeshire County Council's Constitution	<a href="http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20050/council_structure/288/councils_constitution">http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20050/council_structure/288/councils_constitution</a>