

Agenda Item 47.

TITLE	Wokingham Borough Wellbeing Board - terms of reference
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Wokingham Borough Wellbeing Board on Thursday, 11 February 2021
WARD	None Specific;
DIRECTOR/ KEY OFFICER	Andrew Moulton, Assistant Director Governance

Health and Wellbeing Strategy priority/priorities most progressed through the report	All
Key outcomes achieved against the Strategy priority/priorities	Additional representation from the Voluntary Sector on the Wellbeing Board helps to deliver the Wellbeing priorities.

Reason for consideration by Wokingham Borough Wellbeing Board	The Board is required to consider proposed changes to its terms of reference and membership.
What (if any) public engagement has been carried out?	Not required.
State the financial implications of the decision	Non applicable.

RECOMMENDATION
<p>1) That two representatives in total be appointed to the Wokingham Borough Wellbeing Board from the Voluntary Sector.</p> <p>2) That it be recommended that Council note the decision by the Wokingham Borough Wellbeing Board to amend its membership and agree to the amendment of paragraph 4.4.23 of the Constitution.</p>
SUMMARY OF REPORT
<p>The purpose of the report is to appoint an additional member from the Voluntary Sector to the Wokingham Borough Wellbeing Board.</p>

Background

Under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 ('the Act'), top tier local authorities were required to have a Health and Wellbeing Board in place from 1st April 2013.

Section 194 (2) of the Act sets out the required 'core membership' of the Health and Wellbeing Board, including a representative of each relevant clinical commissioning group and a representative of the Local Healthwatch organisation for the area of the local authority. The Wokingham Borough Wellbeing Board may appoint such additional persons to be members of the Board as it thinks appropriate under s194(2)(g). The appointment of any additional members will take place at Board meetings. Political balance does not apply to a Health and Wellbeing Board under regulation 7 of The Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013.

Additional Board members could include representatives from other groups or stakeholders who can bring in particular skills or perspectives, or have key statutory responsibilities which can support the work of the Board.

Due to the important role that the Voluntary Sector plays in progressing the work and priorities of the Wokingham Borough Wellbeing Board, it is proposed to increase the representation of the Voluntary Sector on the Board from one to two members.

Paragraph 4.4.23 of the Constitution allows for the Wokingham Borough Wellbeing Board to appoint such additional persons to be member of the Board as it thinks appropriate, however this is subject to the membership requirements set out in parts a)-p) of that paragraph.

Section 194 (9) of the Act requires the local authority to consult the Health and Wellbeing Board before appointing another person to be member of the Board under s194(2)(g) ('such other person as the local authority thinks appropriate').

Paragraph 4.4.23 Membership (Wokingham Borough Wellbeing Board) of the Constitution will therefore require amendment to reflect any changes in Board membership. The proposed amendment is detailed below:

4.4.23 Membership (Wokingham Borough Wellbeing Board)

n) **Two representatives** Representative from the Voluntary Sector

Any such changes to the Terms of Reference are required to be submitted to Council for approval, under section 4.4.46 of the Constitution.

Partner Implications
Increased voluntary sector representation
Reasons for considering the report in Part 2
None
List of Background Papers
None

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