

Slough Borough Council

Report To:	Council
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Subject:	Revised Terms of Reference for the Slough Wellbeing Board
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Appendices:	Appendix A – Terms of Reference with Track Changes Appendix B – Terms of Reference with additional changes highlighted

RECOMMENDATION OF THE MEMBER PANEL ON THE CONSTITUTION FROM ITS MEETING HELD ON 7TH SEPTEMBER 2023

1. Summary and Recommendations

- 1.1 This report sets out proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference for the Slough Wellbeing Board. The proposed amendments were considered by the Member Panel on the Constitution at its meeting of 7 September 2023.

Recommendation:

That the proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference be approved.

Reason:

To ensure that the Wellbeing Board can fulfil its statutory responsibilities and contribute to achieving better health outcomes for the residents of Slough.

Commissioner Review

The Commissioners are content with the recommendations in this report.

2. Report

2.1 The Health & Care Act 2022 introduced new governance arrangements for the NHS nationally and locally and changes to partnership arrangements to enable greater integration with the NHS and collaboration between the NHS and social care.

2.2 Along with local authorities (LAs) and the NHS, HWBs (Health & Wellbeing Boards) have a duty to improve the health of the population and to reduce health inequalities. Since their inception in 2013 HWBs have continued to play an important statutory role in

instilling mechanisms for joint working across health and care organisations and setting strategic direction to improve the health and wellbeing of people locally.

2.3 Health & Wellbeing Boards have needed to evolve and adapt to operate within this new context and collaborate with the Integrated Care Board and the Integrated Care Partnership leaders to ensure effective working.

2.4 Updating the Board's TOR to incorporate recent legislative changes will also enable Slough's strategic priorities that relate to health to be championed within health & wellbeing partners to ensure delivery against these priorities.

2.5 All current Board members, which includes the Leader of the Council, the Director of Public Health, the Executive Director People (Children), the Executive Director People (Adults), Chair of the NHS Frimley Integrated Care Board (Slough Locality), NHS Frimley Integrated Care Board Accountable Officer, a representative of Healthwatch Slough, and a representative of the Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust have been consulted regarding the proposed changes and are supportive.

2.6 The Member Panel on the Constitution has also been consulted and is supportive of the proposed changes. However, three of the four Panel members expressed the view that consideration should be given to extending voting rights to the Youth Parliament representative for the following reasons:

- i. it would provide democratic accountability as the Youth Parliament (YP) has a mandate from the young people of Slough;
- ii. the Panel noted that the Lead Member for Children was no longer a member of the Board. Giving voting rights to the YP representative would ensure that the needs of children and young people were voiced and considered;
- iii. it was important to encourage and support young people in Slough to engage with civic life.

2.7 The proposed changes to the terms of reference have been drafted to reflect new governance, operational and other requirements and to incorporate changes in nomenclature. These are shown as track changes in **Appendix A**. A second version at **Appendix B**, includes additional amendments proposed by legal and was approved by the Member Panel on the Constitution.

Options considered

The revisions to the Terms of Reference are required to ensure that the Board can fulfil its statutory responsibilities.

3. Implications of the Recommendation

3.1 Financial – There are no financial implications directly resulting from the recommendations of this report.

3.2 Legal - There are no legal implications directly resulting from the recommendations of this report.

3.3 Risk Management - The risk of not having a fully functional HWB would negatively impact achieving the Council's strategic priority of 'helping residents live more independent, healthier and safer lives'.

3.4 Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications - There are no direct legal implications. The specific activity in the Wellbeing Strategy and other plans may have legal implications which will be brought to the attention of the Council separately. There are no Human Rights Act Implications.

3.5 Equalities Impact Assessment - There is no requirement to complete an Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) in relation to this report.

4. Background Papers

None