

## Health Scrutiny Committee

7 July 2015

### Suffolk Health Scrutiny Committee Appointments

#### Summary

1. This item invites the Committee to consider and agree representation on the Suffolk and Norfolk Joint Health Scrutiny Committee for Great Yarmouth and Waveney, and to nominate observers to attend NHS public board meetings in Suffolk.

#### Objective

2. The Committee is asked to:
  - consider and agree representation on the Suffolk and Norfolk Joint Health Scrutiny Committee for Great Yarmouth and Waveney, in line with the Terms of Reference set out at Appendix A.
  - consider and agree the current representation, and nominate one board observer to each of the vacancies listed in Appendix B;

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## **Background**

### **Suffolk and Norfolk Joint Health Scrutiny Committee for Great Yarmouth and Waveney**

3. The Suffolk and Norfolk Joint Health Scrutiny Committee is a standing joint scrutiny committee with Norfolk Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, which meets quarterly. The Terms of Reference for the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee are agreed between Norfolk Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) and Suffolk Health Scrutiny Committee (HSC) and are provided as Appendix A.
4. In light of changes to the membership of the Suffolk HSC, the Committee is asked to confirm its representation on the Joint Committee. The nominations are not required to be in line with the political balance of Suffolk County Council, but should reflect the requirements set out in paragraph 1.3 of the Terms of Reference.
5. Suffolk HSC's current representatives on the Joint Committee are:
  - Councillor Michael Ladd (Chairman of Suffolk HSC), Suffolk County Council, Kessingland and Southwold Division
  - Councillor Bert Poole, Suffolk County Council, Oulton Division
  - Councillor Alison Cackett, Waveney District Council, Blything Ward
6. The Committee is asked to confirm its nominations to the Joint Committee.

### **Link Members/Observers for NHS Board Meetings**

7. Suffolk HSC also nominates members to act as formal links with NHS commissioners and providers. A link member's role is to attend the NHS organisation's Board meetings that are held in public. The link member has no formal position with the NHS organisation, but attends the meetings together with other members of the public to observe and to gain and develop understanding of the organisation's work.
8. Link members are asked to highlight to the HSC, via the Chairman of the Committee or Business Manager (Democratic Services), issues which may require the Committee's attention, for example, developments in services, good performance and practice or concerns regarding performance or activities.
9. Following changes to the membership of the Committee, there are currently several vacancies for board observers, which are shown at Appendix B. The Committee is asked to confirm its nominations to these roles.