

Lancashire County Council

Urgency Committee of the Full Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 28th March, 2013 at 2.00 pm in Cabinet Room 'B' - County Hall, Preston

Present:

County Councillor Geoff Driver (Chair)

County Councillors

A Atkinson	J Shedwick
M Devaney	D Westley
P Malpas	B Winlow
J Mein	

County Councillor D Westley replaced County Councillor D O'Toole for this meeting.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from County Councillors C Grunshaw and M Pritchard.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Interests

None.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 8 November 2012

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 2012 were presented.

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 2012 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

4. Urgent Business

None.

5. Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board

The Committee considered a report on the establishment and implications of a new Health and Wellbeing Board as required by the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

The report set out:

- the general role and responsibility of Health and Wellbeing Boards;
- the timetable for implementation (effective from 1 April 2013);

- the proposed make-up, terms of reference, arrangements and roles and responsibilities of the new Health and Wellbeing Board;
- the proposed frequency of Board meetings; and
- the consequential changes to the Overview and Scrutiny arrangements.

The proposed terms of reference, draft Board arrangements and draft rules of procedure were presented at Appendix 'A'.

The proposed terms of reference for the Health Scrutiny Committee were presented at Appendix 'B'.

Resolved:

- i. That the establishment of a Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board as a formal Committee of the County Council, on the basis as set out in the report, be agreed.
- ii. That the membership to the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board for 2013/14, on the basis as set out in the report, be approved.
- iii. That all members of the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board shall have equal voting rights, on the basis set out in the terms of reference of the Board set out at Appendix 'A', and that the requirements to political proportionality be disapplied.
- iv. That the arrangements, procedural rules and the terms of reference of the Board, as set out in the report, be agreed.
- v. That the health scrutiny functions of Lancashire County Council be discharged by the Health Scrutiny Committee.
- vi. That the revised terms of reference for the Health Scrutiny Committee, as set out in the report and Appendix 'B', be agreed.

6. Lancashire County Council Independent Remuneration Panel

The Committee considered a report on the appointment of additional members of the Independent Remuneration Panel

In 2006 the County Council agreed to increase membership of its Panel to five. The Committee was informed that there were now two vacancies on the Panel and this could present problems convening a meeting. The Panel's quorum was set at three which meant that all existing members would have to be present for a meeting to take place.

Notice of the vacancies inviting applications, and the role specification for members of the Panel had been placed on the Council's website. Three applications had been received from the three former Independent Members of the former Standards Committee of the County Council:

- Irene Divine

- Keith Leaver
- Terry Whitehead

Whilst the Panel's current size was five members, and there were currently two vacancies, all three applicants were considered to have similar skills and experience relevant to the role. It was therefore suggested appropriate to consider an increase in the size of the Panel to six members and to consider appointing all three applicants to the Panel give their considerable knowledge and experience of the County Council. This would increase the capacity of the Panel to ensure that sufficient members were available when required to conduct any necessary business.

Resolved:

1. That membership of the Independent Remuneration Panel be increased from five to six members.
2. That the appointment of Irene Divine, Keith Leaver and Terry Whitehead, as members of the Independent Remuneration Panel for a four year term with effect from 28 March 2013, be approved.

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