

Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on 10 June 2011

Electoral Division affected: None

Establishment of a Standing Joint Lancashire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

A Joint Lancashire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee is proposed. Appendix 'A' sets out the suggested terms of reference. Amended membership figures, based on recommendations made at the last meeting of this committee, are now proposed.

Recommendation

That the committee approve the establishment of the Joint Lancashire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Background and Advice

At the last meeting of the Scrutiny Committee, members considered proposals to establish a standing joint committee to consider substantial variations in the health service that affected Lancashire, Blackburn with Darwen and Blackpool.

The committee accepted the requirement to establish appropriate joint working arrangements in such cases, but requested that further consideration be given to the balance of representation from the three councils, on the basis that the relative sizes of the three authorities should be more accurately reflected in the overall composition.

It is therefore proposed that the membership be as follows:

Lancashire – 9 representatives
Blackburn with Darwen – 3 Representatives
Blackpool – 3 Representatives

There would continue to be three non-voting district representatives, and representation from Cumbria on any matters which affected that area in addition to the Lancashire authorities.

Whilst this proposal does not accurately reflect the relative sizes of the three authorities, this requirement was balanced against the need to keep the overall size of any committee within reasonable parameters, and also to ensure that the two unitaries maintained a reasonable level of representation.

This proposal has been put to the other authorities, and a response is awaited.

Revised terms of reference are attached as Appendix 'A'.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

There is a legal requirement to establish a joint health overview and scrutiny committee in certain circumstances as outlined in the report.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers

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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate - N/A