

## Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	Wellbeing Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel
MEETING DATE:	29 <sup>th</sup> July 2011
TITLE:	Great Western Ambulance Service Joint Scrutiny Committee Membership and Update
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<b>AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM</b>	
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### 1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 The Great Western Ambulance Service (GWAS) Joint Scrutiny Committee was established in 2008.
- 1.2 Each of the participating local authorities are required to appoint three members to sit on the committee.
- 1.3 In 2011 Councillor Tony Clarke was elected Chair of the GWAS Joint Scrutiny Committee and the Panel will hear a verbal update from Councillor Clarke on the outcomes of their meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

### 2 RECOMMENDATION

The Wellbeing Policy Development and Scrutiny is to:

- 2.1 Nominate and agree the 3 Members of the Panel on a politically proportionate basis (1:1:1) who will sit on the GWAS Joint Scrutiny Committee
- 2.2 Note the verbal update from Councillor Clarke

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 2.3 Participating local authorities are not required to make a financial contribution for the support of the Joint Committee.

### 3 THE REPORT

The Great Western Ambulance Joint Scrutiny Committee was established in 2008 under the powers provided by the Health and Social Care Act 2001. The committee exists to scrutinise the planning, design and delivery of services provided by GWAS in order to understand the challenges facing the Trust and to facilitate improvements.

All seven local authorities covered by the GWAS service participate in the joint scrutiny committee. Each local authority is required to appoint 3 members from their health scrutiny committee to sit on the GWAS Joint Scrutiny Committee.

Members from the GWAS Joint Scrutiny Committee also appoint a Chair for a 12 month basis. Councillor Tony Clarke was elected Chair of the committee in January 2011.

In Bath & North East Somerset, the Wellbeing Panel appoints 3 members on a politically proportionate basis (1:1:1). The Conservative nomination, Councillor Tony Clarke, has already been received and Panel members are asked to agree 2 other Councillor nominations.

The Panel will also receive a verbal update from Councillor Clarke on the issues discussed at the last GWAS Joint Scrutiny Committee meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> June.

#### **4 RISK MANAGEMENT**

4.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

#### **5 EQUALITIES**

Equalities issues are considered during the working of the GWAS Joint Scrutiny Committee.

#### **CONSULTATION**

5.1 *Overview & Scrutiny Panel; Section 151 Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer*

5.2 The Wellbeing Panel are asked to nominate members to the committee. The Section 151 and Monitoring Officer have been given the opportunity to review and input into this report.

#### **6 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION**

6.1 *Social Inclusion; Health & Safety;*

#### **7 ADVICE SOUGHT**

7.1 The Council's Monitoring Officer (Divisional Director – Legal and Democratic Services) and Section 151 Officer (Divisional Director - Finance) have had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication.

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<b>Background papers</b>	<i>Council's Constitution</i>
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