

## Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	<b>Health &amp; Wellbeing Select Committee</b>	
MEETING DATE:	<b>Wednesday 29 July 2015</b>	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
TITLE:	<b>South Western Ambulance Service (North Area) Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>	
WARD:	All	
<b>AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM</b>		
<b>List of attachments to this report:</b> Appendix 1 – Terms of reference for South Western Ambulance Service (North Area) Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee		

### **1 THE ISSUE**

1.1 The South Western Ambulance Service (North Area) Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee ('Ambulance JHOSC') includes scrutiny member representatives nominated from B&NES. Given recent elections, and changes to scrutiny membership, fresh nominations are required for B&NES members to join the Ambulance JHOSC.

### **2 RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 To agree three nominees to represent B&NES on the Ambulance JHOSC.

### **3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)**

3.1 This is not a new joint health scrutiny committee. Whilst there are members and officer costs in attending scrutiny meetings, none are additional to previous arrangements.

### **4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS AND BASIS FOR PROPOSAL**

4.1 The council has a statutory duty to promote the health & wellbeing of the inhabitants of its area and reduce inequalities amongst its population.

4.2 Unlike some external bodies, member representation on the Ambulance JHOSC is not statutory. However, it is good practice to maintain good links between local health scrutiny and regional scrutiny bodies.

## 5 THE REPORT

5.1 The Terms of Reference for the Ambulance JHOSC allows B&NES to nominate three councillors.

5.2 B&NES Councillors participating in joint health scrutiny are to be agreed by, and appointed from, the Health & Wellbeing Select Committee.

5.3 The requirement to observe political proportionality in making appointments to joint health scrutiny committees has been waived by councils so as to give each one the maximum flexibility in making its appointments.

## 6 RATIONALE

6.1 The membership of the health scrutiny function has changed following recent elections. There is the opportunity for three B&NES councillors to sit on the Ambulance JHOSC.

## 7 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

7.1 None

## 8 CONSULTATION

8.1 The council's s151 and Monitoring Officer have had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication.

## 9 RISK MANAGEMENT

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

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<b>Background papers</b>	<i>None</i>
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