

Report of: **Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board**

Health and Wellbeing Board	Date: 18 April 2018	Ward(s): N/A
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SUBJECT: Appointment of a Voluntary Sector Representative to the Health and Wellbeing Board

1. Synopsis

- 1.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is currently seeking a member to represent the interests of voluntary and community sector organisations working to improve the health and wellbeing of Islington residents. This report summarises the appointment process to date and requests that the Board agree the proposed appointment process and selection criteria.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To note the proposed appointment of a voluntary sector representative to the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 2.2 To note the proposed appointment process and selection criteria.

3. Background

- 3.1 The membership of the Islington Health and Wellbeing Board has not previously included a representative of the voluntary and community sector. There is no legislative requirement for Health and Wellbeing Boards to include such a representative. However, a number of Health and Wellbeing Boards have opted to include a voluntary sector representative. In North Central London, the Camden and Enfield Health and Wellbeing Boards have appointed voluntary sector representatives, as has Haringey, which this Board works with closely through the Haringey and Islington Health and Wellbeing Boards Joint Sub-Committee.

- 3.2 The voluntary sector is represented on Haringey's Health and Wellbeing Board, and at Joint Sub-Committee meetings, through a representative of The Bridge Renewal Trust. This is a local charity focused on health and wellbeing, reducing health inequalities, and developing the voluntary and community sector in Haringey.
- 3.3 When the Joint Sub-Committee was established, it was initially suggested that Haringey's voluntary sector representative may be able to represent the interests of the voluntary and community sector across both Islington and Haringey. It was later concluded that the Haringey representative would not be able to adequately represent Islington's voluntary and community sector. The remit of the Bridge Renewal Trust is limited to the London Borough of Haringey, and the organisation does not work closely with Islington's voluntary and community sector. It is therefore considered that an Islington voluntary sector representative is needed to ensure that the views of the local sector are heard at both Health and Wellbeing Board and Joint Sub-Committee meetings.
- 3.4 An amendment to the Board's terms of reference was agreed by the Council in June 2017 to allow the appointment of a non-voting voluntary sector representative.

Application and selection process

- 3.5 An application form has been drafted in consultation with the Director of Public Health, the Corporate Director of Housing and Adult Social Services, and Healthwatch Islington. This was approved by the Chair and applications opened on 3 April 2018. The application form is set out at Appendix A. The committee clerk will be able to provide an update on the number of applications received at the meeting. Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to encourage members of relevant partner organisations to apply to the role.
- 3.6 The appointment is to be made following an interview process. It is proposed that shortlisting and interviewing are carried out by a panel of Health and Wellbeing Board members, comprised of the Executive Member for Health and Care, the Director of Public Health, the Chief Executive of Healthwatch Islington, and a representative of Islington Clinical Commissioning Group. The proposed selection criteria are set out at Appendix B.
- 3.7 The last day for applications is Wednesday 25 April. It is intended for shortlisting to take place in late April and interviewing to take place in mid-May. The appointment is due to be formally agreed alongside the council's committee appointments at the Annual Council meeting on 24 May.
- 3.8 The voluntary sector representative would be a non-voting member of the Health and Wellbeing Board. The anticipated term of office would be two years, after which point the Board may choose to re-open applications.

4. Implications

4.1 Financial Implications:

None.

4.2 Legal Implications:

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 places a statutory requirement on Local Authorities to establish a Health and Wellbeing Board and the Council must ensure compliance with the Local Authority (Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013.

The 2012 Act sets out a core membership. The Health and Wellbeing Board can appoint such additional members as the Board considers appropriate, including from the voluntary sector, to support and promote the integration and joint working in the field of public health (section 194(8)). Any such appointment should take into account the Equality Act 2010.

4.3 **Environmental Implications**

There are unlikely to be any significant environmental implications of appointing a voluntary sector representative to the Health and Wellbeing Board, although there will be minor impacts related to their attendance, such as printing meeting papers and how they travel to meetings.

4.4 **Resident Impact Assessment:**

The council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations, between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it (section 149 Equality Act 2010). The council has a duty to have due regard to the need to remove or minimise disadvantages, take steps to meet needs, in particular steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, and encourage people to participate in public life. The council must have due regard to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding.

A resident impact assessment is not required. There are no specific or direct resident impacts associated with the appointment of a voluntary sector representative. However, the appointment will support the Health and Wellbeing Board in considering a wider range of views in strategic discussions. Applicants may be a member of a voluntary or community sector organisation which provides or supports services tailored to those with protected characteristics, and that may enhance equalities by raising the profile of such services at Health and Wellbeing Board meetings.

5. **Conclusion and reasons for recommendations**

- 5.1 The appointment of a voluntary sector representative will lead to the better representation of voluntary and community sector interests at Board meetings. The Board is asked to note the proposed appointment of a voluntary sector representative; and consider the proposed appointment process and selection criteria.

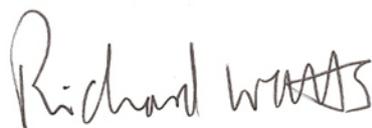
Appendices

- Appendix A – Application Form
- Appendix B – Proposed Selection Criteria

Background papers:

- None

Signed by:



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Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board

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