
Council

4th December 2012

Name of Cabinet Member:

Not Applicable

Director Approving Submission of the report:

Director of Customer and Workforce Services

Ward(s) affected:

Not Applicable

Title:

Appointments of the City Council

Is this a key decision?

No

Executive Summary:

This report seeks approval to the appointment of a City Council representative and deputy on the Council of Governors of the Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust that has been established to manage their transition to become an NHS Foundation Trust.

Recommendations:

That the City Council appoints a representative, and a named deputy, as the City Council's representative on the Council of Governors of the Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust with immediate effect.

List of Appendices included:

None

Other useful background papers:

None

Has it or will it be considered by Scrutiny?

No

Has it, or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?

No

Will this report go to Council?

Yes – 4th December 2012.

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1. Context (or background)

Appointment to Outside Body – Foundation Trust Council of Governors

- 1.1 The Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust are responsible for the delivery of mental health services and specialist learning disability services across Coventry and Warwickshire, and in Coventry for community services (for example; district nursing, health visitor services, sexual health services and lifestyle services).
- 1.2 Over the past three years, the Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust has been on a path to becoming an NHS Foundation Trust. Monitor, the authorising body, has now confirmed to them that their formal assessment process will commence on Monday 3rd December 2012. It is now appropriate therefore that the City Council as a key stakeholder of the Partnership Trust appoints Governor to sit on the Foundation Trust's Council of Governors.
- 1.3 NHS Foundation Trusts are free from central government control and have the freedom to take decisions for themselves. They are subject to various statutory requirements and are authorised by Monitor. The role of Foundation Trust Governors is central to the concept of locally accountable Foundation Trusts.

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 2.1 The Council of Governors for the new NHS Foundation Trust will be responsible for appointing the Chair of the Trust, deciding the remuneration of the Chair and other non-executive directors, appointment of auditors, receiving annual accounts, audit reports and any annual reports.
- 2.2 It is proposed that it is appropriate for the Council to now appoint a representative and named deputy to the Council of Governors, to ensure that the City Council is represented at all Council of Governors meetings. The Council may consider it appropriate to appoint a senior officer to this position which would be acceptable to the Partnership Trust.
- 2.3 The will take immediate effect.

3. Results of consultation undertaken

Not applicable

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

- 4.1 The appointments will take immediate effect.

5. Comments from Director of Finance and Legal Services

- 5.1 Financial implications

Not applicable

- 5.2 Legal implications

6. Other implications

Not applicable

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