

COUNCIL

8 SEPTEMBER 2022

CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

(a) Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) and Integrated Care Partnership Assembly (ICPA)

Recommendations

1. The Assistant Director for Legal and Governance recommends that Council:

(a) Approves the terms of reference for the Integrated Care Partnership Assembly attached at Appendix 1; and

(b) Authorises the Assistant Director for Legal and Governance to update the constitution accordingly.

2. At its meeting in July, the Council considered a report updating it on the implementation of the Health and Care Act 2022 and approved changes to the terms of reference of the Health and Wellbeing Board. This report proposes that the terms of reference of the Integrated care Partnership and the associated Assembly are approved.

3. The Health and Care Act 2022 amends the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act to require the Integrated Care Board (ICB) and local authorities within its area to form an integrated care partnership (ICP). This is a joint committee and is made up of members appointed by the ICB and each relevant authority. It is proposed that the County Council's representatives include the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing as the Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board, plus the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and three Directors - for Public Health, Children and People.

4. The ICP has a statutory duty to prepare the Integrated Care Strategy, which sets out how the assessed needs of an area will be met by either the ICB, NHS England or the local authorities. The local authorities' (Worcestershire and Herefordshire) Joint Strategic Needs Assessments will be shared with the ICP as part of this work.

5. The Health and Wellbeing Board of each local authority is required to prepare the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy in response to the Integrated Care Strategy. It is proposed that the Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy being prepared at the moment, following extensive consultation over the summer, will fulfil this requirement.

6. As the terms of reference attached as Appendix 1 illustrate, the ICP will meet in public and involve a wide range of local partners and stakeholders to participate in the discussions. These meetings with the wider attendance will be known as the Integrated Care Partnership Assembly (ICPA). The purpose of this wider meeting will be to develop an integrated care strategy that describes how the assessed health, care and

wellbeing of the population of Herefordshire and Worcestershire will be met. In doing so it will address integration of health, social care and health related services.

7. The core membership for the County Council is:
- Health and Wellbeing Board Chair
 - Cabinet member for Adult Social Care
 - Strategic Director for People
 - Chief Executive WCF & Director of Children's Services
 - Director of Public Health.

The Core Members are accountable and responsible for decisions made by the ICP. In reaching these decisions they will listen to and have due regard to the advice and input of the wider assembly membership.

8. Outputs from meetings of the ICP will be reported to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

(b) Independent Remuneration Panel

Recommendations

9. **The Assistant Director for Legal and Governance recommends that Council:**

- (a) Approves the reconstitution of the Independent Remuneration Panel with 5 members and that recruitment of members to the Panel is undertaken as set out at paragraph 12;**
- (b) Approves the terms of reference as set out in Appendix 2;**
- (c) Authorises the Chief Executive to make all necessary arrangements to put the recommendations in this report into effect and to bring recommendations for membership to Council for approval in due course; and**
- (d) Note that it is intended that the Panel will commence work on reviewing the Members Allowances scheme as soon as practicable in order to make recommendations to the Council in 2023.**

10. The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) Regulations 2003 require local authorities to establish and maintain an Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) to be responsible for making recommendations to the Council regarding the Members' Allowances Scheme. The Council must have regard to a report of the Panel when creating or amending its scheme of allowances.

11. The Panel must comprise at least 3 members and be independent of the Council. Previously it has been agreed by Council that membership of the Panel should be 5 in total, with varied backgrounds and to include one citizen representative.

12. Former Panel members have been approached to find out whether they would consider re-joining it for continuity of knowledge and expertise, but we would still have some vacancies on it. At the time of writing the report we have had one positive

response and propose that any former Panel members who re-join assist the Chief Executive in recruitment and selection to the vacancies. Council will be asked to confirm the appointments at a future meeting.

13. The role of the Panel is set out in Appendix 2 to this report. Council is asked to confirm these. The role of Panel member is voluntary, although the Council pays expenses incurred as a consequence of taking part. It is proposed that terms of office will be for 4 years and staggered, in order to ensure continuity.

(c) Arrow Valley West By-Election

Recommendation

14. The Assistant Director for Legal and Governance recommends that the Council notes the outcome of the by-election for Arrow Valley West and if required, reviews the political balance of the Council.

15. Following the resignation of Aled Evans, a by-election is being held in Arrow Valley West on 1 September.

16. The outcome of the by-election is not known at the time of publishing this report. Once the new Councillor is elected, they may choose to join a political group. The Council may therefore be required to review the allocation of seats on Committees etc, depending on which group they join. The Assistant Director for Legal and Governance will update Councillors once this is known and, if necessary, a proposed allocation of seats in accordance with political balance requirements will be circulated as soon as available for consideration at the Council meeting.

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Supporting information

Appendix 1 – Terms of Reference for the Integrated care Partnership and Integrated Care Partnership Assembly

Appendix 2 – Terms of Reference for the Independent Remuneration Panel

Appendix 3 – Proposed allocation of places (to follow if required)

Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Assistant Director for Legal and Governance) there are no background papers relating to the subject matter of this report.