

<b>Committee(s)</b>	<b>Date(s):</b>
Policy & Resources Committee Community & Children's Services Committee	10 December 2015 11 December 2015
<b>Subject:</b> Review of Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Governance	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Town Clerk	<b>For Decision</b>

### Summary

In light of how recent national developments had impacted on the way local authorities exercise their health overview and scrutiny function, your Health & Social Care Scrutiny Sub Committee agreed to examine whether there were any areas where its health and social care scrutiny functions could be strengthened, and to evaluate the resource and governance implications.

A report presenting the options available regarding Committee governance was considered by the Health & Social Care Scrutiny Sub Committee at its meeting on 2 November 2015 and is attached at Appendix 1.

The Sub Committee agreed to:

- (a) **recommend to the Community & Children's Services Committee** that the Sub Committee be dissolved;
- (b) **recommend to the Policy & Resources Committee** that the combined responsibility for scrutiny of health and social care be retained under a new stand-alone Committee;
- (c) **recommend to both Committees** that no Member of the Community & Children's Services Committee or the Health & Wellbeing Board should serve on the new Health & Social Care Scrutiny Committee
- (d) **recommend to both Committees** that, in view of the proposed restrictions on the 'pool' of Members available to constitute the new Health & Social Care Scrutiny Committee outlined in (c), the new Committee be included in a list of exceptions under the provisions of Standing Order 29(3) which states that Members are ineligible to be Chairman of more than one Committee (Ward or non-Ward).

### Recommendation(s)

Subject to the approval of the Court of Common Council, the **Community & Children's Services Committee** is asked to agree the following:

- The Health & Social Care Scrutiny Sub Committee's recommendation of dissolving the Health & Social Care Scrutiny Sub Committee;
- That no Member of the Community & Children's Services Committee or the Health & Wellbeing Board should serve on the Health & Social Care Scrutiny Committee;

- In view of the proposed restrictions on the 'pool' of Members available to constitute the Health & Social Care Scrutiny Committee, that the new Health & Social Care Committee should be one of those listed as an exception under Standing Order 29(3) in terms of dual Chairmanship;

Subject to the approval of the Court of Common Council, the **Policy & Resources Committee** is asked to agree the following:

- The Health & Social Care Scrutiny Sub Committee's recommendation to retain the combined responsibility for scrutiny of health and social care under a new stand-alone Health & Social Care Scrutiny Committee;
- That no Member of the Community & Children's Services Committee or the Health & Wellbeing Board should serve on the Health & Social Care Scrutiny Committee;
- In view of the proposed restrictions on the 'pool' of Members available to constitute the Health & Social Care Scrutiny Committee, that the new Health & Social Care Committee should be one of those listed as an exception under Standing Order 29(3) in terms of dual Chairmanship;

## **Appendices**

- Appendix 1 – Review of Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Functions, Reports to Health and Social Care Scrutiny Sub (Community and Children's Services) Committee, 2 November 2015

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