

# **North Somerset Council**

## **REPORT TO THE HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL**

**DATE OF MEETING: 30 SEPTEMBER 2019**

**SUBJECT OF REPORT: CO-OPTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTHWATCH**

**TOWN OR PARISH: N/A**

**OFFICER/MEMBER PRESENTING: LEO TAYLOR, SCRUTINY OFFICER**

**KEY DECISION: NO**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel co-opt the Chairman of HealthWatch North Somerset, Georgie Bigg, as a non-voting member of the Panel

#### **1. SUMMARY OF REPORT**

At the last meeting of the Panel on 6 June 2019 it was agreed that the Panel was content with continuing the arrangements that existed under the former administration where the Chairman of Healthwatch was co-opted onto the Panel. It was concluded that a report be put to this meeting of the Panel formally recommending the co-option.

#### **2. POLICY**

Draft Guidance from the Local Government Association to accompany new Local Authority Public Health, Health & Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny regulations (which came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013) emphasises the importance of closer working with HealthWatch: "Health Scrutineers will need to develop close working arrangements with local Healthwatch organisations as they are established....to ensure that matters of concern to local people, for example about the quality or safety of particular services or providers, are made known to health scrutiny so that they can be examined in greater depth".

#### **3. DETAILS**

Section 21(10) of the Local Government Act 2000 provides that overview and scrutiny committees (panels) may co-opt non-voting members.

#### **4. CONSULTATION**

None

#### **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

## **6. LEGAL POWERS AND IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

## **7. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

## **8. RISK MANAGEMENT**

N/A

## **9. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

## **10. OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

N/A

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## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Draft LGA Guidance to accompany new Local Authority Public Health, Health & Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny regulations

Local Government Act 2000

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