

COUNCIL MEETING – 18TH OCTOBER 2023

CHESHIRE & MERSEYSIDE HEALTH & CARE PARTNERSHIP

RECOMMENDATION

That, having considered the recommendations of the Corporate Policy Committee and the terms of reference set out as an appendix to this report, Council agree:

- 1. To become a member of the Cheshire & Merseyside Health & Care Partnership.**
- 2. To adopt the terms of reference of the Cheshire & Merseyside Health & Care Partnership, attached as an appendix.**
- 3. That the Leader of the Council be nominated to be the Council's representative on the Cheshire & Merseyside Health & Care Partnership.**
- 4. To delegate authority to the Chief Executive to nominate an Executive Director/Director of Public Health to be a member of the Committee if they consider this appropriate.**

Extract from the Minutes of the Corporate Policy Committee meeting on 11th July 2023

18. CHESHIRE & MERSEYSIDE HEALTH & CARE PARTNERSHIP

The Committee considered a report seeking authority for the Council to become a member of the new statutory Integrated Care Partnership for Cheshire and Merseyside, to be known as the Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership.

The proposed terms of reference for the Partnership had been produced collaboratively by statutory partners and were set out at Appendix 2 to the report. The terms of reference had not yet been agreed, and a number of concerns had been conveyed to the Integrated Care Board. A response was awaited. Officers therefore proposed an amendment to recommendation 1 in the report to insert the words 'when agreed' and advised that the first potential date the terms of reference could be presented to Council was 18th October 2023.

RESOLVED (unanimously)

That the Committee recommends to full Council

1. that the terms of reference of the Cheshire & Merseyside Integrated Care Partnership (to be known as the Cheshire & Merseyside Health & Care Partnership), when agreed, be adopted;

2. that the Council become a member of the Cheshire & Merseyside Health & Care Partnership;
3. that the Leader of the Council be nominated to be the Council's representative on the Cheshire & Merseyside Health & Care Partnership; and
4. that the Chief Executive be granted delegated authority to nominate an Executive Director/Director of Public Health to be a member of the Partnership if she considers it appropriate.

Note: The terms of reference as attached have been agreed with the Integrated Care Board. The issues which were outstanding when the matter was reported to the Corporate Policy Committee on 11th July 2023 have been resolved as shown in italics below, and the attached terms of reference reflect the final agreed position.

- There are two co-vice chairs which will be confusing if the Chair is absent – *it will now be agreed in advance who will chair the meeting in the absence of the Chair.*
- It is not clear how the 'Executive' (we assume to be officers) and DPH's will be appointed as there are only a limited number of places. – *this will be agreed by the C&M Local Authority Chief Executives*
- There is a lack of clarity around the ICB votes - *no decisions can be taken unless at least 50% of the ICB members are present*
- Clarity needed over when the public/press can be excluded – *all meetings will be held in public*
- The quorum does not specify a need for a class of members to be present i.e., if there are no local authority members the meeting can still proceed – *no decisions can be taken unless at least 50% of local authority members are present*
- Clarity is needed over conflicts of interest – *local authority members will be bound by their own Code of Conduct*
- Whether meetings can be held remotely – *meetings will be a mixture of remote and attended as unlike local authority meetings, there is no legislation prescribing a physical presence.*