

Corporate Policy Committee

Date of Meeting:	6 th October 2022
Report Title:	Integrated Care System – Appointment to Health and Care Partnership
Report of:	David Brown, Director of Governance & Compliance Helen Charlesworth-May, Executive Director Adults, Health & Integration
Report Reference No:	CP/55/22-23
Ward(s) Affected:	All

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for members to note the progress on the new governance arrangements for integrated health across Cheshire East, and to agree membership of the new Place Partnership Board (now called the 'Cheshire East Health & Care Partnership').

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 Adults & Health Committee agreed at their meeting on 14 July 2022 that the Corporate Policy Committee should be asked to appoint three members (one from each of the three main political groups) to the Cheshire East Health & Care Partnership Board (HCP). The Board has been meeting in shadow form, pending its being formally agreed by the C&M Integrated Care Board in September 2022. The nominations for the Health & Care Partnership Board are Cllr. Arthur Moran, Cllr. Rhodes and Cllr. Clowes. All three are members of the Adults & Health Committee, and this will help to ensure that the views of the Committee are taken forward to the Partnership Board. The current focus of the HCP is hospital discharges, and it might be appropriate at a future date, as the work of the HCP evolves, for a representative from the Childrens Committee to be appointed to the HCP.

- 2.2 As part of the wider governance arrangements, the Council agreed at its meeting on 20 July 2022 to take part in the C&M Joint Scrutiny Committee, with the Health Scrutiny Committee taking responsibility for appointing the two members of the Joint Scrutiny Committee. It has nominated Cllr. Barry Burkhill and Cllr. Stephen Carter as the Cheshire East representatives.
- 2.3 Some members of the Cheshire East Health & Care Partnership also sit on the Health & Wellbeing Board, which is responsible for agreeing the health and wellbeing strategies for Cheshire East. The Health & Wellbeing Board is currently reviewing its role to ensure it aligns with the new Integrated Care System and delivers the best outcomes for residents. Membership will be considered as part of that review, and members (and officers) will of course continue to declare any conflicts of interest as a result of their membership of the Health & Care Partnership, if appropriate. Appointments will be reviewed at the Council AGM in May 2023.
- 2.4 The Integrated Care Partnership (ICP), the part of the system which works across the nine authority areas, has not yet been formally set up by the ICB but is currently meeting in shadow form and does not currently have a decision-making role. The Leader, as Chair of the Health & Wellbeing Board, is attending on behalf of the Council. The formation of the ICP and the appointment to it will need approval from all nine Councils making up the ICB area.

3. Recommendation

The Committee is asked:

1. To agree that Cllr. Arthur Moran, Cllr. Rhodes and Cllr. Clowes be appointed to the Cheshire East Health & Care Partnership Board.
2. To note the nominations to the Joint Scrutiny Committee.

4. Reasons for Recommendations

- 4.1 The Cheshire East Health & Care Partnership Board is the agreed governance forum at 'Place' level. The Health & Care Act 2022 and associated guidance sets out the proposed governance structure for Integrated Care Systems and recognises the important role which local authorities play in this.

5. Other Options Considered

- 5.1 Other options have not been considered, as the governance structures and responsibilities have already been agreed by Adults & Health Committee and Council.

6. Background and decisions to date

- 6.1 Adults & Health Committee at its meeting on 18 July 2022 agreed the terms of reference for the Cheshire East Health and Care Partnership Board.
- 6.2 Council at its meeting on 20 July 2022 agreed to the establishment of the C&M Joint Health Scrutiny Committee. Council noted that Corporate Policy Committee decided at its meeting on 4 November 2021 that appointments to the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee should be decided by the Scrutiny Committee.
- 6.3 The agreed decision-making structure of the Integrated Care System is set out as Appendix One.

7. Legal Implications

- 7.1 The Health & Care Partnership Board has been set up as a partnership rather than as a formal joint committee. It does not therefore need to be politically balanced under the proportionality rules set out in the Local Government and Housing Act 1985. Each partner on the board can only make decisions which are within the delegated authority of their own organisation.
- 7.2 The Health & Care Act 2022 requires Integrated Care Systems to set up Integrated Care Partnerships with local authorities, as formal Joint Committees. The primary role of the ICP will be to oversee the development and delivery of a whole system, all encompassing, integrated care strategy and outcome measures to improve health and well-being and support greater social and economic development of the local population. It is a Council function to agree the establishment of Committees and their functions.

8. Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications as a result of our membership of the Cheshire East Health & Care Partnership Board.

9. Policy Implications

This report and its recommendations are within the Council's existing policy framework, and it supports the priorities set out in the Cheshire East Place Partnership Plan 2019-2024.

10. Equality

There are no direct equality implications as a result of this report.

13. Human Resources

There are no direct human resources implications as a result of this report.

14 Risk Management

The Council has already agreed to enter into the Cheshire East Place Partnership, and no decisions will be made on behalf of the Council which are not already within agreed delegations.

15. Rural Communities

There are no direct implications for rural communities as a result of this report.

16. Children and Young People/Cared for Children

There are no direct implications for Children and Young People/Cared for Children as a result of this report.

17. Public Health

A key purpose of the Integrated Care System is to ensure that all areas consider the wider determinants of health and health inequalities, and as one of its responsibilities, the Partnership is responsible for the delivery of the joint health & wellbeing strategy. The Director of Public Health will be a member of the Partnership Board, and this will ensure the appropriate emphasis is given to these areas.

18. Climate Change

There are no direct implications for climate change as a result of this report.

Access to Information	
Contact Officer:	Deborah Upton, Legal Services deborah.upton@cheshireeast.gov.uk
Appendices:	Appendix 1 – Decision-Making Structure
Background Papers:	Health & Care Act 2022 Report to Adults & Health Committee on 14 July 2022 entitled ' <i>Terms of Reference for the Place Partnership Committee</i> ' Report to Council on 20 July 2022 entitled ' <i>Recommendations arising following meetings of the Adults & Health Committee and Scrutiny Committee</i> '