

Appendix A

Report title: Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee with Suffolk	
Report to: Health Overview Policy and Scrutiny Committee	
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to renew and update the Essex Health Overview Policy and Scrutiny Committee's (Essex HOSC) nominations to serve as members on the Joint Health Overview and Policy Committee with Suffolk (JHOSC).

2. Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to consider this report and approve:
- (i) political proportionality rules as set out in Paragraph 3 of the JHOSC Terms of Reference (see overleaf); and
 - (ii) new nominations to serve on the JHOSC as follows:
 - Councillor Dave Harris
 - Councillor Mark Cory
 - Councillor Carlo Guglielmi
 - Councillor Bob Massey
 - (iii) A lead member for the JHOSC and any substitute members

3. Background

- 3.1 The JHOSC was established with members of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee at Suffolk County Council ("Suffolk HOSC") in early 2017 to oversee the development of the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership ("STP") in Suffolk and North-East Essex. The STP has subsequently been developed into an Integrated Care System ("ICS").
- 3.2 Since 2017 the JHOSC has met in public five times and the public meeting documents can be viewed here - [JHOSC with Suffolk - meeting papers](#).
- 3.3 The Essex HOSC and Suffolk HOSC each nominate four members to serve on

the JHOSC with further names permitted to serve as substitute members. Through that process both the Essex HOSC and Suffolk HOSC each indicate a lead member from their representatives who may act as Chairman of the JHOSC. Chairmanship of the JHOSC is rotated on broadly an annual basis. An extract from the current Terms of Reference for the JHOSC is reproduced below.

Extract - Paragraph 3 of the JHOSC Terms of Reference:

'3.1. The joint committee will consist of four members representing Essex and four members representing Suffolk, as nominated by the respective health scrutiny committees.

3.2. Each authority may nominate up to three substitute members.

3.3. The proportionality requirement will not apply to the joint committee, provided that each authority participating in the joint committee agrees to waive that requirement, in accordance with legal requirements and their own constitutional arrangements.

3.4. Individual authorities will decide whether or not to apply political proportionality to their own members.

3.5. The joint committee will elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman at its first meeting.

3.6. The joint committee will be asked to agree its Terms of Reference at its first meeting.

3.8. Each member of the joint committee will have one vote.'

3.4 In the past, the Essex HOSC has tried to nominate four local north-east Essex based councillors to serve on the JHOSC. Currently, the Essex HOSC does not have enough local north-east Essex councillors to do this again. Therefore, the Chairman has considered inviting at least one nomination from the People and Families Policy and Scrutiny Committee to also serve on the JHOSC alongside nominated Essex HOSC members. This would seem to be an appropriate approach to take bearing in mind that the STPs/ICSs are both health and social care planning structures.

3.5 Essex HOSC's co-opted district councillors are non-voting members. As such, it is not appropriate to consider them as nominees for the JHOSC.

4. Update and Next Steps

4.1. As outlined above.

4.2 List of Appendices

None.