

<b>Report title:</b> Change of ECC representation on the Health and Wellbeing Board	
<b>Report to:</b> Cllr David Finch, Leader	
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<b>Date:</b> 2 December 2019	<b>For:</b> Decision
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<b>County Divisions affected:</b> All Essex	

## **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 Paragraph 8.1.8 of the Council's Constitution permits the Leader to nominate three County Councillors to serve on the Health and Wellbeing Board. This report concerns a change to the current representation.

## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That with immediate effect, Councillor Louise McKinlay will replace Councillor Susan Barker as one of ECC's three nominated members on the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 2.2 That the remaining members continue to be Councillors John Spence and Chris Whitbread.

## **3. Summary of issue**

- 3.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is established in accordance with Section 194 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and constituted to meet local requirements. It has a duty to encourage integrated working.
- 3.2 The Board's membership includes representatives from a wide range of organisations, among them local government and the NHS, and includes three Essex County Councillors, to be nominated by the Leader of the Council. The term of office is until the next County Council elections in May 2021, but changes can be made at any time.
- 3.3 The Leader of the Council wishes to nominate Councillor Louise McKinlay in place of Councillor Susan Barker, leaving the remaining appointments (Councillors John Spence and Chris Whitbread) unchanged.

## **4. Financial Implications**

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

## **5. Equality and Diversity implications**

- 4.1 The Public Sector Equality Duty applies to the Council when it makes decisions. The duty requires us to have regard to the need to:

- a) Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other behaviour prohibited by the Act. In summary, the Act makes discrimination etc on the grounds of a protected characteristic unlawful
- b) Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- c) Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not including tackling prejudice and promoting understanding.

4.2 The protected characteristics are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, marriage and civil partnership, race, religion or belief, gender, and sexual orientation. The Act states that 'marriage and civil partnership' is not a relevant protected characteristic for (b) or (c) although it is relevant for (a).

4.3 In making this appointment the Leader will wish to appoint a County Councillor with appropriate skills and experience whilst reflecting as far as possible the diversity of the Council's membership.

<b>I approve the above recommendations set out above for the reasons set out in the report.</b>	<b>Date</b>
Councillor David Finch, Leader of the Council	December 2019

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<b>Approved</b> <b>Paul Turner</b>	2 December 2019
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