



LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST

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Appendices	Appendix 1 - Whipps Cross Redevelopment - Options for Health Scrutiny Appendix 2 – JHOSC Draft Terms of Reference

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1. This report recommends the establishment of a JHOSC with the other authorities impacted by the proposed Whipps Cross Hospital redevelopment.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1. The group is asked to make the following recommendations to the Health Scrutiny Committee:
- 2.2. That the Council establishes a Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) with the London Borough of Redbridge and Essex County Council, in order to scrutinise the plans for redeveloping Whipps Cross;
- 2.3. That the terms of reference at Appendix 2 are adopted for the JHOSC;
- 2.4. That four members of the Council are appointed to the Whipps Cross Redevelopment JHOSC;
- 2.5. That the Waltham Forest membership of the JHOSC should include the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Health Scrutiny Committee, and a representative from the Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee, with the remaining two seats allocated as the Council sees fit.
- 2.6. That all other JHOSC arrangements remain unchanged;
- 2.7. That appointment arrangements be politically balanced as is currently the case

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1. The Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 set out powers and duties of local authorities in respect to health scrutiny. This includes the power to set up joint health scrutiny committees with other local authorities. These joint committees can be delegated or specified health scrutiny functions. Most commonly JHOSCs are used to scrutinise issues that cross local authority boundaries.
- 3.2. The planned redevelopment of Whipps Cross Hospital may require changes to the JHOSC arrangements for the local authority. The context for these proposals is set out in **appendix 1**.

4. PROPOSAL

- 4.1. The redevelopment of Whipps Cross Hospital will have an impact across borough boundaries. It is therefore necessary for the Council to establish a JHOSC with the relevant authorities in order to be compliant with the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013.

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1. Consultation has included: the Whipps Cross Hospital redevelopment team; the relevant local authorities; the party whips; the strategic directors of Families and Economic Growth; Management Board.

6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1. Finance, Value for Money and Risk

There are additional resource implications in establishing the Whipps Cross Redevelopment JHOSC. The Committee will require officer support and there could be additional implications in respect to a Special Responsibility Allowance for the Chair of the JHOSC.

6.2. Legal

7. The National Health Act 2006 as amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012 sets out the regulation powers in relation to health scrutiny. The relevant regulations are the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Board and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 (“the Local Authority Regulations 2013”).

7.1. Equalities and Diversity

There are no implications as result of this recommendation to Council.

7.2. Sustainability (including climate change, health, crime and disorder)

There are no implications as result of this recommendation to Council.

7.3. Council Infrastructure (e.g. human resources, accommodation or IT issues)

The Whipps Cross JHOSC will be managed within current resource envelopes. Meetings are expected to take place at Waltham Forest Town Hall, meaning committee space will be required. This will be managed within the resources of the Democratic Services team.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION (as defined by Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985)

None.