Executive Report
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Surrey Leaders’ Group:
nominations for appointment to
outside bodies 2014-15

Recommendation to Executive:
The Executive is asked to consider the submission of nominations to the Surrey Leaders’ Group (SLG) in respect of the appointment of:

(i) a district representative to the Surrey County Council (SCC) Health Scrutiny Select Committee;
(ii) a district representative to the Countryside Access Forum; and
(iii) a governor to the Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

Reasons for Recommendation:
To ensure that any nomination submitted by this Council is considered by the SLG

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To consider whether this Council should submit nominations to the SLG in respect of:

- an appointment to serve as a district/borough council representative on:
  - the SCC Health Scrutiny Select Committee; and
  - the Countryside Access Forum

- an appointment of a governor to the Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

2. Corporate Plan

2.1 The work of many of the external organisations to which the SLG makes appointments assists the Council in meeting its strategic priorities.

3. Background

3.1 The SLG is a partnership of all eleven borough and district councils in Surrey, together with Surrey County Council. It provides a forum where those councils can work together to provide better services for the people of Surrey. The SLG comprises the leaders (or equivalent) of all borough and district councils and the leader and deputy leader of Surrey County Council and is supported by the chief executives from the twelve councils.
3.2 District/borough councillors represent the SLG on a number of external bodies and SLG seeks nominations each year to fill the various vacancies that arise. SLG normally makes appointments to these external bodies for a period of three years. A small working group appointed by the SLG will consider the nominations and make recommendations to it at its July meeting.

3.3 This year, SLG has invited nominations in respect of the three external bodies described in paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 below.

4. **SCC Health Scrutiny Select Committee**

4.1 Since 1 January 2003, regulations under the Health and Social Care Act 2001 gave councils statutory powers to watch over and promote health improvements in their areas. Councils with social care responsibilities can appoint overview and scrutiny committees which may review any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of local health services and make reports and recommendations to local NHS bodies.

4.2 SCC appointed a Health Scrutiny Select Committee to fulfil this role in Surrey in conjunction with interested partners, including three district council representatives. The Committee meets during the day at County Hall on various dates throughout the year. As this is a scrutiny committee, we may not nominate an executive councillor.

Nomination received: Councillor Iseult Roche

5. **Countryside Access Forum**

5.1 The Forum advises the Countryside Agency on arrangements for countryside access including rights of way and open access land. It has 22 members including two County Councillors and the borough/districts representative. The Forum meets four times a year during the day at various venues around Surrey.

Nomination received: Councillor David Wright

6. **Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Trust (Appointed Governor)**

6.1 Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust provides health and social care services for people with mental health illness, drug and alcohol addictions and learning disabilities across Surrey and North East Hampshire. As one of the largest mental health and learning disability Trusts in the country, the Trust employs over 3,400 people who work across 127 sites serving 1.3 million people of all ages. The overall aspiration of the Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Trust is to ensure that people living within its catchment area enjoy consistently good mental health and well being. The Trust meets on various dates throughout the year normally in the afternoon at various venues around central Surrey.

Nomination received: None

7. **Financial Implications**

7.1 There are no financial implications.

8. **Legal Implications**

8.1 Other than the requirement that SLG cannot appoint executive councillors to SCC’s Health Scrutiny Select Committee, there are no legal implications.
9. **Human Resource Implications**

9.1 There are no human resource implications.

10. **Conclusion**

10.1 The Executive is asked to consider nominations received in respect of the three appointments described above.

10.2 Officers have asked political group leaders to submit nominations by 29 May. Officers will report details of any further nominations received at the meeting.

10.3 As mentioned above, a small working group of the SLG will consider all the nominations received in respect of this appointment and make a recommendation to the SLG at its meeting in July. The deadline for receipt of completed nomination forms is noon on Monday 23 June 2014.

11. **Background Papers**

Letter dated 27 March 2014 from Pauline Morrow, Policy Manager for SLG, inviting the submission of nominations.

12. **Appendices**

None