

QEQM HOSPITAL CABINET ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE

Individual Cabinet Member Report	04 April 2018
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Portfolio Holder	Cllr Bayford, Leader of Council
Status	For Individual Cabinet Member Decision
Classification:	Unrestricted
Key Decision	No

Executive Summary:

After a full debate at Council on 16 July 2015, Members agreed to set up a Cabinet Advisory Group (CAG) which would consider the emerging proposals from the East Kent Hospitals University Foundation Trust (EKHUFT). This was done via an individual cabinet decision and the Group met in April 2016.

As a result of a recent change in political Leadership at the Council and the formation of the Independent and UKIP Group and Thanet Independent Councillors, the group representation on the Cabinet Advisory Group must change.

Recommendation(s):

That the new membership structure be made up of the following political group representation:

2 Conservative;
1 Independent and UKIP Group;
1 Labour;
1 Thanet Independent Councillors.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money	There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.
Legal	There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.
Corporate	There are no corporate risks arising directly from this report.
Equality Act 2010 & Public Sector Equality Duty	Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to the aims of the Duty at the time the decision is taken. The aims of the Duty are: (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and

	<p>people who do not share it, and (iii) foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.</p> <p>Protected characteristics: age, gender, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy & maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage & civil partnership.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td colspan="2">Please indicate which aim is relevant to the report.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act,</td> <td style="width: 10%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>There are no equity and equalities issues arising directly from this report but the Council needs to retain a strong focus and understanding on issues of diversity amongst the local community and ensure service delivery matches these.</p>	Please indicate which aim is relevant to the report.		Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act,		Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it		Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.	
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CORPORATE PRIORITIES (tick those relevant)✓	
A clean and welcoming Environment	
Promoting inward investment and job creation	
Supporting neighbourhoods	✓

CORPORATE VALUES (tick those relevant)✓	
Delivering value for money	✓
Supporting the Workforce	
Promoting open communications	✓

1.0 Introduction and Background

1.1 Currently the membership of the QEQM Hospital Cabinet Advisory Group consists of the following political group representation: 2 Conservative, 4 UKIP, 1 Labour and 1 Independent.

The political leadership of the Council changed on 1 March 2018 and there are now two new political groups the Thanet Independent Councillors and the Independent and UKIP Group in addition the Independent group no longer exists It is within the gift of the Leader of the Council to decide upon the membership of the CAG.

The Cabinet Advisory Group has been shadowing the changes activities being undertaken by East Kent Hospitals University Foundation Trust (EKHUFT) and its partners with a view to recommending responses to any public consultation that may be undertaken.

2.0 Options

2.1 The Leader is advised to make the changes to the Cabinet Advisory Group membership to reflect the new political group compositions that make up the Council.

2.2 The Leader could opt not to make any changes. However this option would lead to the membership of the sub group being non representative of the current political make-up of the Council.

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Annex List

None	N/A
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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	N/A

Corporate Consultation

Finance	Matt Sanham, Corporate Finance Manager
Legal	Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance & Monitoring Officer