

**Committee Name: Scrutiny**

**Committee Date: 16/09/2021**

**Report Title: Appointment to the Norfolk Health Overview and Scrutiny committee**

<b>Portfolio:</b>	Cllr Kendrick, resources
<b>Report from:</b>	Executive director of corporate and commercial services
<b>Wards:</b>	<b>All wards</b>
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### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to seek a new Norwich City Council representative on the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee following the appointment of Councillor Oliver to Cabinet..

### **Recommendations:**

To appoint a member of the scrutiny committee to be the representative to sit on NHOSC and report back to scrutiny committee.

### **Policy Framework**

The Council has three corporate priorities, which are:

- People living well
- Great neighbourhoods, housing and environment
- Inclusive economy

This report meets all of the corporate priorities.

## Report Details

1. A vacancy has arisen for the Council's member representative at this committee as both the representative and substitute member need to be current scrutiny members. The incumbent, Councillor Oliver, is now a member of cabinet. The current substitute representative on NHOSC is Councillor Adam Giles.

## Background

2. Since the Health and Social Care Act 2012 Norfolk County Council has delegated its powers to Norfolk Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (NHOSC). The county council has a statutory duty to run a county-wide Health and Well Being Board, to which the city council send a representative from the cabinet. It has eight county councillors and seven co-opted district council members. The scrutiny committee at Norwich appoints a member representative (plus a substitute).
3. NHOSC acts as a central point to consider and review the overall links between different parts of the broad health and well-being services and activities across Norfolk. All commissioners and providers of health services, not just NHS organisations, are included in the overview / remit of health scrutiny. It also reduces the risk of organisations needing to duplicate reports or responses across a number of councils. It defines its own role as:
  4. "A statutory Committee which considers all matters relating to the needs, health and health related-services of the population of Norfolk. It scrutinises services that have an impact on the health of Norfolk's citizens and challenges the outcomes of interventions designed to support the health of Norfolk people."
5. As the Council's representative, the appointed member is expected to report back to the Scrutiny Committee on the outcomes of meetings. In addition, the Scrutiny Committee has agreed a protocol which expects the representative to work to:
  - The representative should make it clear if they are not representing an agreed view of the council or scrutiny committee.
  - A topic for scrutiny can be placed onto the NHOSC work programme either at a meeting of NHOSC as a member of NHOSC or on behalf of the Norwich scrutiny committee or the council if they have been asked to do so.
  - The council's representative on NHOSC may submit relevant reports and recommendations of the scrutiny committee for consideration by NHOSC either if agreed by the chair of the scrutiny committee or by the committee itself or as a result of a request made by the NHOSC chair.
  - The council's representative on NHOSC cannot agree on behalf of the Norwich scrutiny committee to carry out a piece of health scrutiny work. It is for the scrutiny committee to decide if it would like to include the matter on its work programme following a report back.

- If the Norwich scrutiny committee wishes to take on an item of the NHOSC work programme, it would need to request this via the representative, through the chair of the NHOSC to seek the appropriate agreement of the county council to delegate health scrutiny powers for that item.
  - The council's representative on NHOSC must report back to the scrutiny committee on a regular basis and should liaise with the scrutiny officer on an ongoing basis. Reporting back will be scheduled onto the work programme. The summary of the NHOSC meeting provided by the county council will be attached to the agenda and the representative will give a verbal update and answer questions from the committee.
  - The council's representative on NHOSC should preferably not be a board member or governor of a local health service organisation or a member of the Health and Wellbeing Board. This is not an absolute requirement but a preference because of the risk of potential or perceived conflict of interest limiting the councillor's effectiveness on the health scrutiny committee.
6. The dates for NHOSC meetings 2021-22 are outlined below but may be subject to change throughout the year.

<b>Meeting dates</b> <b>Thursdays at 10am</b> <b>2 September 2021</b> <b>4 November 2021</b> <b>20 January 2022</b> <b>10 March 2022.</b>
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## Consultation

7. Ward councillors, portfolio holders, the public or other stakeholders have not been consulted (statutorily or otherwise).

## Implications

### Financial and Resources

Any decision to reduce or increase resources or alternatively increase income must be made within the context of the council's stated priorities, as set out in its Corporate Plan 2019-22 and Budget.

There are no proposals in this report that would reduce or increase resources.

## Legal

8. There are no legal considerations at this stage.

### Statutory Considerations

Consideration:	Details of any implications and proposed measures to address:

Equality and Diversity	Not applicable.
Health, Social and Economic Impact	The member would represent Norwich City Council at NHOSC.
Crime and Disorder	Not applicable.
Children and Adults Safeguarding	Not applicable.
Environmental Impact	Not applicable.

### **Risk Management**

<b>Risk</b>	<b>Consequence</b>	<b>Controls Required</b>
Include operational, financial, compliance, security, legal, political or reputational risks to the council	Not applicable.	

### **Other Options Considered**

9. An appointment from the council is needed by Norfolk County Council so there are no alternative options to consider.

### **Reasons for the decision/recommendation**

10. An appointment from the council is needed by Norfolk County Council.

**Background papers:** None

**Appendices:** None

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