

## ***Report to the Council***

**Date:** 29 July 2021.

**Portfolio Holder:** Councillor C Whitbread.

**Subject:** Appointment to Outside Body – Whipps Cross Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

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### **Recommending:**

- (1) That the invitation from the London Borough Council of Waltham Forest to appoint a non-voting member from the Council to their new Whipps Cross Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee be accepted;**
  - (2) That future appointments to this Outside Body should be considered a Council appointment, rather than a Leader appointment, be agreed; and**
  - (3) That suitable nominations to this new Outside Body be considered and an appointment made for the 2021-22 municipal year.**
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1. The London Borough Council of Waltham Forest is proposing to establish a new Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) to look at the development of Whipps Cross Hospital. The proposed composition of the JHOSC is as follows:

- four members from the London Borough Council of Waltham Forest;
- two members from the London Borough Council of Redbridge; and
- one member from Essex County Council.

2. It is also proposed that one non-voting member from Epping Forest District Council should also join the JHOSC, as the West Essex Clinical Commissioning Group makes up the third largest number of patients at Whipps Cross, after Waltham Forest and Redbridge. As Epping Forest does not have health scrutiny powers, our nominated Member cannot be a full voting member, which is partly why it is proposed to have a full member from Essex County Council as well. However, Waltham Forest are keen for Epping Forest District Council to be represented as an observer.

3. The Council each year already appoints a Member to the Outer North-East London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (currently Cllr A Lion), as part of its annual appointments to Outside Bodies. This is a Council appointment, as opposed to a Leader appointment, and it is proposed that this new appointment should be treated in the same fashion and also be a Council appointment. If the Council is in agreement, then this new appointment will be added to the list to be considered each year at the Annual Council meeting.

4. In the meantime, an appointment is required for the 2021-22 municipal year and the Council is requested to consider nominations and make an appointment for

remainder of this municipal year. It is proposed for the new Whipps Cross JHOSC to start in the Autumn.

5. We recommend as set out at the commencement of this report.