

NEWARK & SHERWOOD HEALTH FORUM – MEMBER REPRESENTATION

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To inform Members of the outcome of the inaugural meeting of the newly formed Newark and Sherwood Health Forum and proposals for member representation on the Forum.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 It has long been an ambition of the Committee and officers to develop an effective Health Forum for the District of Newark and Sherwood. Towards the end of last year productive meetings with Newark and Sherwood CCG resulted in an invitation being sent out to a range of partner and stakeholder groups inviting them to an initial meeting with the intention that this would lead to the establishment of a formal Health Forum. The letter of invitation identified the aims and objectives for the meeting and was jointly signed by the Director – Community representing the District Council and Robert Ferris-Rogers Director of Engagement and Service redesign, representing the CCG. Over 30 invitations were sent out and a total of 20 individuals attended from a wide range of partner and stakeholder organisations.

3.0 Information

- 3.1 The meeting discussed a range of issues focusing on governance, terms of reference and areas/challenges for the forum to concentrate upon. Most importantly it was agreed by all attendees that the establishment of a District Health Forum was essential if the collective health challenges faced by the organisations represented at the meeting were to be addressed. To this end it was agreed that the Newark and Sherwood Health Forum should be formally established and jointly facilitated by Newark and Sherwood District Council and Newark and Sherwood CCG and that it should meet every six weeks the first formal meeting being held in room G21 at 2.00 p.m. on the 11th February.
- 3.2 The meeting determined that the Forum would require a recognised and experienced Chairman and Tony Colton, who is currently Chairman of Newark and Sherwood CVS, was proposed and confirmed as the Forum Chairman. It also confirmed that the inclusion of elected members from Newark and Sherwood District Council would be very beneficial as they would bring expertise and knowledge of the challenges faced by the communities they represent. It was therefore proposed that three elected members from NSDC be asked to join the Forum representing communities from the Eastern and Western areas of the District and the more rural communities.
- 3.3 Discussions also took place on the terms of reference for the Forum and an amended draft of this document will be circulated following further consultation.
- 3.4 A range of themes were also discussed and an initial group of themes for consideration by the Forum were agreed and will be discussed further at the first formal meeting of the Forum.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

That Members select three representatives from the Leisure and Environment Committee to sit on the Newark and Sherwood Health Forum, one from the Eastern side of the District, one from the West and one representing rural communities.

Reason for Recommendations

To ensure that elected members can make an informed contribution to the Newark and Sherwood Health Forum.

Background Papers

Nil

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