

Report to	-	Council
Date	-	26 February 2018
Report of the	-	Executive Director of Business Operations
Subject	-	Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Recommendation: It be **RESOLVED:** That:

- 1) a non-executive Councillor be nominated as the Council's substantive representative on East Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee;
 - 2) a non-executive Councillor be nominated as the Council's substitute representative on East Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee; and
 - 3) the appointments be made with immediate effect up until May 2019 and attendance thereat be designated as an approved duty.
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Introduction

1. Following the appointments made at the Annual Council meeting held on 15 May 2017 and Council meeting held on 10 July 2017 (Minutes C17/14 and C17/32 refer) replacement substantive and substitute Members are required for the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC), managed by East Sussex County Council (ESCC).

East Sussex Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee

2. HOSC looks at health issues and suggests ways that health services might be improved in East Sussex. The Committee does this by scrutinising the work of NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), NHS Trusts, the voluntary sector, and independent providers of healthcare, and acting as a 'critical friend' towards them.
3. Health is a complex area for scrutiny. Scrutinising everything undertaken by local NHS organisations and their partners and the wide range of issues affecting people's health is not realistic, so HOSC will usually prioritise:
 - major changes to health services;
 - select reviews of health issues;
 - local health services in need of improvement.

Conclusion

4. The current substantive Member, Councillor Mrs Hollingsworth has resigned from the HOSC and Councillor Jenkins is unable to fulfil the role of substitute as he is an Executive Member. To serve on the HOSC, Membership must be drawn from the non-Executive Members of the Council.

5. Council is therefore invited to appoint both a non-executive substantive and substitute Member to the HOSC. In order to provide continuity for HOSC and ease of administration, it is recommended that the appointments be made up until the end of the current Council administration (May 2019).

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Executive Director of Business Operations

Risk Assessment Statement

Failure to appoint representatives to the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee would result in Rother District Council and its residents not being represented on the HOSC and having an opportunity to scrutinise and improve local NHS services.