

Divisions Affected N/A

**COUNCIL
5 APRIL 2022**

**APPOINTMENT TO THE BERKSHIRE, OXFORDSHIRE AND
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY AND OVERVIEW
COMMITTEE**

Report by DIRECTOR OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE

RECOMMENDATION

1. **Council is RECOMMENDED to -**
2. **Appoint the councillors shown in Appendix 2 to the Berkshire, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee subject to any changes reported at the meeting**

Summary

3. Health Services have a legislative duty to consult a local authority's Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee about any proposals they have for a substantial development or variation in the provision of health services in their area. When these substantial developments or variations affect a geographical area that covers more than one local authority, the local authorities are required to appoint a Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) for the purposes of the consultation.
4. In response to the development of an Integrated Care System (ICS) across the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West (BOB) footprint, a health scrutiny committee is needed for the patient-flow geography impacted by service changes at a BOB-level. This includes the authorities of Buckinghamshire County Council, Oxfordshire County Council, West Berkshire Council, Reading Borough Council and Wokingham Borough Council.
5. On 23 March 2021, Council agreed the final terms of reference for the Berkshire, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (known as BOB HOSC). Those terms of reference were also agreed by the four other appointing Authorities of Buckinghamshire, West Berkshire, Reading and Wokingham and are enclosed at Appendix 1.
6. Those Authorities are at varying stages of appointing Councillors to this Joint Committee. It would therefore be timely for Oxfordshire to make such appointments in anticipation of the commencement of the Health and Care Act

and by implication the Integrated Care Board becoming a statutory body and the dissolution of the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) for those areas, including Oxfordshire CCG.

7. In line with the terms of reference, Oxfordshire Councillors will make up the largest grouping and has a total of 7 seats on the Joint Committee. Apportioning political balance translates to the following numbers of seats per political group

Committee Name	Frequency of Meetings	Number of Places	Nominations
Berkshire, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (BOB HOSC)	No fewer than 2 per year	7 (3) – Liberal Democrat / Green Alliance (2) – Conservative / Independent Alliance (2) – Labour and Cooperative	See Appendix 2

8. Council should be aware that the Chair and Deputy Chair of that Joint Committee will appointed by the Committee itself.

Corporate Policies and Priorities

9. Council agreed its strategic priorities on 7 February to include prioritising the health and wellbeing of residents.

Financial Implications

10. None immediately arising from this report.

Cleared by Lorna Baxter, Director of Finance.

Legal Implications

11. The County Council's statutory responsibilities in respect of establishing a Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee across the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West (BOB) geography to allow scrutiny of system-wide issues that impact upon the BOB population have been met.

Cleared by Anita Bradley, Director of Law and Governance

Staff Implications

12. None immediately arising as a result of this report.

Equality & Inclusion Implications

13. None immediately arising as a result of this report.

Sustainability Implications

14. None immediately arising as a result of this report.

Risk Management

15. Risks arising from not appointing to the Committee relate to the Council's reputation and the impact on the delivery of its strategic aims.

Consultations

16. None immediately arising from this report.

Anita Bradley
Director of Law and Governance

Annex: Terms of Reference of BOB HOSC

Background papers: None

Other Documents: None

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Appendix 2

Committee Name	Frequency of Meetings	Number of Places	Nominations
Berkshire, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (BOB HOSC)	No fewer than 2 per year	7 (3) – Liberal Democrat / Green Alliance (2) – Conservative / Independent Alliance (2) – Labour and Cooperative	Liberal Democrat / Green Alliance Cllr Hanna Cllr Ley Cllr van Mierlo Conservative / Independent Alliance Cllr Leverton Cllr Champken - Woods Labour and Cooperative Cllr Edosomwan Cllr Haywood