

23 March 2016		ITEM: 14
Council		
Proposed amendments to Thurrock Health and Wellbeing Board membership		
Wards and communities affected: All	Key Decision: Non-key	
Report of: Councillor Barbara Rice, Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health		
Accountable Head of Service: n/a		
Accountable Director: Roger Harris, Corporate Director of Adults, Housing and Health		
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Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to ask Council to agree to amend the Health and Wellbeing Board's membership to include the senior Council officer responsible for the Borough's regeneration agenda – the Corporate Director of Environment and Place. Doing so will ensure the links between the people and place agendas are recognised and cemented, and that the Board can influence the regeneration agenda to positively impact on the Health and Wellbeing of Thurrock's population.

1. Recommendation(s)

- 1.1 That Council agrees to amend the Health and Wellbeing Board's membership to include the Corporate Director of Environment and Place; and**
- 1.2 Subject to recommendation 1.1 above, the Monitoring Officer be requested to update the Terms of Reference of the Health and Wellbeing Board as set out in Chapter 5, Part 5 of the Council's Constitution.**

2. Introduction and Background

- 2.1 As a committee of the Council, changes to the Health and Wellbeing Board's membership have to be agreed by Council. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 states that the Board must be consulted about any proposed changes and that elected members must be nominated by the Leader of the Council.

- 2.2 The development of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy for 2016-2021 has highlighted the relationship between the 'people' and 'place' agendas, and the potential impact of the 'place' agenda on the health and wellbeing of Thurrock people.
- 2.3 Thurrock is the largest regeneration area in the UK, with six growth hubs:
- [Purfleet](#) - home of High House Production Park and soon a new town centre;
 - [Lakeside and West Thurrock](#) - already a major retail and leisure destination and set to expand to become a regional town centre;
 - [Grays](#) - the administrative hub of Thurrock will build upon the current projects to improve economic growth and enhance the public realm;
 - [Tilbury](#) - a new vision will build on the strengths of the close community and expansion of the port;
 - [London Gateway](#) - the largest inward investment project in the UK sees DP World's high tech deep-sea container port open in 2013 and be home to a high tech logistics business park creating thousands of new jobs; and
 - [Thames Enterprise Park](#) - creating an Environmental Technologies and Energy hub alongside a new import/export and blending facility for oil products on the site of the former Coryton Oil Refinery; it will include the world's first bio jet fuel plant converting landfill waste into jet fuel in a partnership between Solena Fuels and British Airways.
- 2.4 Failure to recognise both the opportunities and threats the place agenda brings and subsequent failure to maximise or mitigate the impact of those opportunities and threats is a real risk to the Board's ability to improve the health and wellbeing of Thurrock people and reduce related health and wellbeing inequalities.
- 2.5 This paper recommends a change to the Board's membership to ensure that the necessary links between the 'people' and 'place' agendas are made, that opportunities are maximised, and that threats are controlled. .

3. Issues, Options and Analysis of Options

- 3.1 For the reasons set out in section 2, achieving good health and wellbeing for all is connected to the Board's ability to influence both the people and place agendas and recognise the connections between them. This is recognised within the newly refreshed Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2016-2021 and Outcomes Framework. For example, objectives 'more residents in employment, education or training' and 'develop homes that keep people well and independent' are examples of how the place agenda will influence the health and wellbeing of Thurrock people.
- 3.2 For the Board to be able to adequately recognise and influence Thurrock's place agenda, it needs to understand what the key issues are and ensure they can be included on the forward plan for discussion and debate. The

most effective means of doing this and being able to link in with the place – and in particular the regeneration agenda – is to ensure appropriate representation within the Board’s membership. The Director of Housing was previously added as a member of the Board for the same reasons, and the Board also established a Housing and Planning Advisory Group to be able to positively influence the planning and development agenda.

- 3.3 The Council in preparation for a Corporate Peer Challenge identified the need to strengthen the relationship between the ‘people’ and the ‘place’ agendas – including through the Health and Wellbeing Board. Amending the Board’s membership as set out in this paper responds to the identified issue.

4. Reasons for Recommendation

- 4.1 For the reasons set out in sections 2 and 3, it is suggested that an addition to the Board’s membership of the Corporate Director of Environment and Place will help to ensure the relationship between the people and place agendas are cemented and that they work to positively influence the health and wellbeing of Thurrock people.

5. Consultation (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)

- 5.1 Consultation on the Health and Wellbeing Strategy highlighted the importance of the Board being able to influence the place agenda – including a recommendation from Directors’ Board that the Corporate Director of Environment and Place should sit on the Health and Wellbeing Board. The recommendation made by Directors’ Board is linked to the Council’s preparation for its Corporate Peer Challenge which focused on the ‘place’ agenda.
- 5.2 The Health and Wellbeing Board endorsed the proposed change at its meeting on the 10th March 2016.

6. Impact on corporate policies, priorities, performance and community impact

- 6.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board, through the development of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, is responsible for defining and delivering the priority ‘improve health and wellbeing’.

7. Implications

7.1 Financial

Implications verified by: **Laura Last**
Senior Finance Officer

None identified.

7.2 Legal

Implications verified by: **Soloman Adeyeni**
Lawyer

None identified.

7.3 Diversity and Equality

Implications verified by: **Natalie Warren**
Community Development and Equalities
Manager

Reducing inequalities in the health and wellbeing of Thurrock's population is a key aim of Thurrock's Health and Wellbeing Board and Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Achieving this means being able to influence the factors that contribute to health and wellbeing of the population – including the wider determinants of health and wellbeing. The place agenda has a significant impact on the health and wellbeing of Thurrock people, and the Board's ability to influence that agenda is key to its ability to improve health and wellbeing and reduce inequalities in health and wellbeing.

7.4 Other implications (where significant) – i.e. Staff, Health, Sustainability, Crime and Disorder)

None.

8. Background papers used in preparing the report (including their location on the Council's website or identification whether any are exempt or protected by copyright):

- None.

9. Appendices to the report

- None.

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