

Executive Report

Ward(s) affected: N/A

Report of Director of Strategic Services

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Surrey Leaders' Group Nomination: Surrey & Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (Mental Health Foundation Trust)

Executive Summary

The Surrey Leaders' Group (SLG) is formed of the leaders of the twelve Surrey local authorities. It provides a political forum where leaders can come together to discuss strategic issues and act as a strong representative body for local government in Surrey.

The Council has been invited by the SLG to nominate a representative to serve as a governor on the Surrey & Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (Mental Health Foundation Trust). The deadline for receipt of nominations is Tuesday 12 January 2021.

Group leaders were consulted on 25 November 2020 and asked to canvass their members for nominees with a deadline to respond by 14 December 2020. At the time of the publication of this report, no nominations had been received.

Recommendation to Executive

- (1) To consider making a nomination to the Surrey Leaders' Group respect of the appointment of a governor to the Surrey & Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (Mental Health Foundation Trust)
- (2) Subject to (1) above, to agree that the call-in procedure shall not apply in respect of any decision to submit a nomination.

Reason for Recommendation:

To ensure that any nomination submitted by this Council is considered by the SLG.

Is the report (or part of it) exempt from publication? No

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To consider whether this Council should submit a nomination to the SLG in respect of the appointment of a district/borough council representative on the Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (Mental Health Foundation Trust)

2. Strategic Priorities

- 2.1 The work of many of the external organisations to which the SLG makes appointments assists the Council in meeting its strategic priorities.

3. Background

- 3.1 The SLG is a partnership of all eleven borough and district councils in Surrey, together with Surrey County Council. It provides a forum where those councils can work together to provide better services for the people of Surrey.
- 3.2 The SLG comprises the leaders (or equivalent) of all borough and district councils and the leader and deputy leader of Surrey County Council and is supported by the chief executives/managing directors from the twelve councils.
- 3.3 District/borough councillors represent the SLG on a number of external bodies and SLG seeks nominations to fill the various vacancies that arise.
- 3.4 This report concerns a vacancy for the role of governor of the Surrey & Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (Mental Health Foundation Trust). The role would require the nominee to attend four main council meetings a year falling in March (afternoon), June (evening), September (afternoon) and December (afternoon). In addition, there will be informal governors' meetings both on the Council day and in between Council meetings and it is up to the individual to decide if they will attend these. There are also three Board workshops a year which it is preferable for governors to attend and also there are a number of sub committees. Further information on the role can be found at **Appendix 1**.

4. Consultations

- 4.1 All political group leaders have received details of the vacancy to share with their members.

5. Key Risks

- 5.1 Work levels and time commitment is a personal choice with regard to how much nominees would wish to take on.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

7. Legal Implications

- 7.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report for the Council.
- 7.2 Any personal indemnity available for the role would be a matter for the Surrey & Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (Mental Health Foundation Trust) and the appointee.

8. Human Resource Implications

- 8.1 There are no human resource implications arising from this report.

9. Equality and Diversity Implications

- 9.1 Public authorities are required to have due regard to the aims of the Public Sector Equality Duty (Equality Act 2010) when making decisions and setting policies.
- 9.2 Application of equalities duties concerning the appointment process would be a matter for the Surrey Leaders' Group and the Surrey & Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (Mental Health Foundation Trust).

10. Climate Change/Sustainability Implications

- 10.1 There are no Climate Change or sustainability implications arising from this report.

11. Summary of Options

- 11.1 The Executive should consider and evaluate any nominations received. If no nominations are received or none are suitable the Surrey Leaders' Group will be notified.
- 11.2 If the Executive submits a nomination, the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has already agreed that the call-in provisions should not apply given that the deadline for receipt of nominations is 12 January 2021.

12. Conclusion

- 12.1 The Executive is asked to note that no nominations have been received at the time of publication of this report.
- 12.2 Details of any late nominations received will be reported at the meeting.

13. Background Papers

None.

14. Appendices

Appendix 1: Surrey & Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (Mental Health Foundation Trust). The Role of Governor.