

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

**JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR
SHROPSHIRE AND TELFORD & WREKIN - 5 JULY 2016**

**TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE SHROPSHIRE AND TELFORD &
WREKIN JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**REPORT OF TELFORD & WREKIN SCRUTINY SPECIALIST (STATUTORY
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1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To review the terms of reference of the Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Committee reviews the draft terms of reference attached as Appendix 1 and 2.

3.0 PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 3.1 Telford & Wrekin Council:
CCC – 4 13th July 2013
FC 35 – 12.09.13
J HOSC 6 - 28th September 2015

4.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 4.1 Full Council in both local authorities have previously given full voting rights to the co-opted members of the Joint HOSC. The voting scheme approved expires in September 2016. Procedures in both authorities are in place to extend the voting rights for co-opted members on the Joint HOSC and to confirm that each local authority has retained the power of referral following consideration of a substantial variation or development in service by the Joint HOSC

**5.0 TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE SHROPSHIRE AND TELFORD &
WREKIN JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE.**

- 5.1 The draft voting scheme for co-optees on the Joint HOSC is attached as Appendix 1 and the draft terms of reference for the Joint HOSC are attached as appendix 2.

6.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

- 6.1 The Joint HOSC will consider equality of opportunity in access and equity of care.

7.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

- 7.1 There is no direct environmental impact resulting from this report.

8.0. LEGAL COMMENT

- 8.1 Rules and procedures covering the Council's public health scrutiny responsibilities are set out in the Local Government Act 1972 as amended (section 101), the National Health Act 2006 (as amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012) and most recently The Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013.

The legislative provisions allow for a local authority to choose how the public health scrutiny function is undertaken; a local authority can choose to discharge its functions through its own overview and scrutiny committee, that of another authority or through a joint overview and scrutiny committee with one or more other authorities.

The proposal in this report is compliant with the regulatory requirements.

9.1 LINKS WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 9.1 The role of the Joint HOSC contributes to the Council's priority to improve the health and wellbeing of our communities and address health inequalities

10.0 OPPORTUNITIES AND RISKS

- 10.1 The changes to the terms of reference for the Joint HOSC will need to be agreed through the correct processes by both local authorities

11.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 The adoption of the draft terms of reference in and of itself does not give rise to any changes to existing financial resource implications. Reference in the report to the power to refer matters to the secretary of state, which if agreed would remain with the Council is an action which has the potential to give rise to future costs should these powers be used.

12.0 WARD IMPLICATIONS

12.1 There are no specific ward issues resulting from this report.

13.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

13.1 None

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