

Constitutional and Nomination Committee Minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2013

Present: Councillor Karney - In the Chair
Councillors Curley, J. Battle, Flanagan, Hennigan, Lanchbury, Stogia and Watson

CN/13/06 Appointment of Chair

Decision

The Committee appointed Councillor Karney as Chair of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee.

CN/13/06 Minutes

Decision

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 14 May 2013.

CN/13/07 Health Scrutiny Committee - Governance and Constitutional Issues

Consideration was given to the report of the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit which contained the report that was submitted to Health Scrutiny Committee on 23 May 2013.

The report summarised the key issues arising from the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 which came into effect on 1 April 2013. The Regulations replace the previous health scrutiny regulations but they make some changes to how health scrutiny operates at a local level.

The Health Scrutiny Committee was asked to make recommendations to Constitutional and Nomination Committee about appropriate arrangements for the discharge of health scrutiny functions. Appended to the report was the minute of the Health Scrutiny Committee for this item which includes the recommendations to Constitutional and Nomination Committee. The Committee was asked to consider these recommendations and to make appropriate recommendations to Council.

Decision

1. To recommend to Council that Manchester City Council retains the existing structure for the discharge of the Council's health scrutiny functions, namely that they are discharged by the Health Scrutiny Committee
2. To recommend that the Council delegate the following local authority powers to the Health Scrutiny Committee:
 - a) review any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of health services in their area;
 - b) request information from NHS bodies and relevant health service providers;

- c) require attendance of NHS staff and members of relevant health service providers at scrutiny meetings;
- d) make reports and recommendations to NHS bodies, relevant health service providers and the local authority, and expect a response where one is requested within 28 days;
- e) respond to consultations by NHS bodies and relevant health service providers on matters of substantial variations or developments to health services. They must publish timescales for making such responses;
- f) refer contested service changes to Secretary of State for Health on specific grounds. They must provide robust evidence in support of this and publish clear timescales within which the referral will be made,
- g) co-opt representatives onto their health scrutiny arrangements;

CN/13/08 Membership of Council committees and representation on joint boards and joint committees

Committee	Member removed	Member appointed
Communities Scrutiny Committee	Evans	
Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Committee	Boyes	Lewis
Finance Scrutiny Committee	Raikes	Lanchbury
Health Scrutiny Committee	Cox and Reid	
Constitutional and Nomination Committee	Andrews Wheale	Lanchbury Hennigan
AGMA Scrutiny Pool	Wheale	Di Mauro
Planning and Highways Committee	Lewis	Boyes Gillard
Christie Hospital Trust Board	Andrews	Simcock