

REPORT TO:	Health and Social Care Scrutiny Sub Committee 19 July 2016
AGENDA ITEM:	7
SUBJECT:	Co-option to the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Sub Committee
LEAD OFFICER:	Gabriel Macgregor Acting Borough Solicitor and Monitoring Officer
CABINET MEMBER:	Not applicable

ORIGIN OF ITEM:	At its meeting on 28 September 2010, Health, Social Care and Housing Scrutiny Sub Committee Members agreed to invite an annual nomination from HealthWatch Croydon to sit on the Committee as a non-voting co-optee. Nominations are required for the municipal year 2016/17.
BRIEF FOR THE COMMITTEE:	To consider nominations received from Healthwatch Croydon.

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1 At its meeting on 28 September 2010, Health, Social Care and Housing Scrutiny Sub Committee Members agreed to invite HealthWatch Croydon (formally Croydon LINK) to nominate a potential co-optee.
- 2 At its meeting on 19 October 2010, Scrutiny and Overview Committee agreed a framework for co-option to the Committee and its Sub Committees, which is attached at **appendix 1**.
- 3 HealthWatch Croydon has nominated Darren Morgan who has provided the Committee with a supporting statement which is attached at **appendix 2**.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Sub Committee is recommended to:

Appoint **Darren Morgan** as a non-voting co-opted member as nominated by the HealthWatch Croydon for the remainder of the municipal year 2016/17.

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FRAMEWORK FOR THE NOMINATION, APPOINTMENT AND RETENTION OF NON-VOTING CO-OPTees TO CROYDON SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

The Council's constitution permits Scrutiny Committees to appoint non-voting co-optees. The purpose of this 'Framework' is to lay some ground-rules as to how Scrutiny Committees might use this opportunity.

Non-voting co-optees appointed by Scrutiny Committees should:

- be nominees of relevant broad-based voluntary or private sector networks or forums
- be willing to draw knowledge from, and feed information back to, their nominating network or forum as one means of promoting wider public understanding of, and involvement in, Scrutiny
- not be individuals who are strongly identified with partnership working with Croydon Council (in order to avoid potential conflicts of interest that might result from contributing to both partnership and scrutiny work on the same or similar issues)
- provide a short written statement on how they believe they can make an effective contribution to the Scrutiny Committee to inform the Committee's decision on whether or not to appoint nominees put forward
- be prepared to attend an induction session with the Scrutiny Unit or with Committee members
- be appointed for the remainder of the municipal year, or for a shorter period if the Committee so decides
- have their membership withdrawn if they fail to attend two successive meetings without good cause
- on appointment, sign an undertaking to observe the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors and complete an entry in the Register of Interests
- not be a member of more than one Croydon Scrutiny Committee
- confirm their willingness to accept and seek to fulfil the above expectations prior to their appointment

Appendix 2

Darren Morgan Supporting Statement

I have been working in the patient and public involvement sector since July 2008, starting as a researcher for Lewisham, Greenwich, Harrow, Essex and Lancashire Local Involvement Networks, then a number of Healthwatch in London and nationally. As part of this work I developed a ground-breaking information system, used by two thirds of Local Involvement Networks and later by around a third of Local Healthwatch, to identify health and social care related trends.

In recent years, as Information Manager at Healthwatch Newham and Waltham Forest, I have pioneered systems to acquire service user experience on a large scale (around 10,000 items of intelligence per Healthwatch, per annum), and have established 'Patient Experience Panels' to scrutinise this data, establish leading trends, act on safeguarding issues and monitor equality and diversity.

Over the years I have assisted commissioners to monitor quality, and have aided the CQC in identifying inspection venues, based on risk analysis. This work has received national recognition by NHS England and others. In addition, my work has enabled providers, particularly hospitals, to identify areas for improvement and tighten up on policy and procedure.

Now in post at Healthwatch Croydon, I am using my experience and expertise to establish the leading health and social care related issues locally, and as part of the Healthwatch team, am working with partners to drive improvements in commissioning and delivery.