



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

## SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH COMMISSION

14 June 2005

Report of the Chair of the Social Care and Health Commission

### Co-opting Individuals to the Social Care and Health Commission

#### RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To thank members co-opted to the Social Care and Health Commission last year for their input to the work of the Commission.
- 1.2 To consider and recommend to the Council the reappointment of the following individuals to the Social Care and Health Commission:
  - Pat Hill
  - Elaine Jackson
  - Philip Johnson and Sir Michael Raymond, the two representatives from Patient and Public Involvement Forum

#### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 Overview and Scrutiny Commissions are entitled to recommend to the Council the appointment of non-voting co-optees provided that the total number of Councillors on the Commission is greater than the number of co-optees. General guidance agreed by the Scrutiny Management Commission in 2002 states that Commissions should consider if the individuals proposed for co-option have the right knowledge and/or expertise in the functions for which the Commission is responsible. The co-option should be politically neutral and be for specific period specific meetings or specific items. With the exception of statutory co-optees, co-opted members cannot be given voting rights.
- 2.2 Members are asked to reappoint Pat Hill and Elaine Jackson who were co-opted specifically to assist the Commission with its review of Health Inequalities. On completion of the final report, they were asked to continue and support the Commission as they had made valuable contribution and had skills and knowledge that could be applied to the wider role of the Commission. Elaine continued to support the Commission but Pat had to take time off to fulfil her other commitments and was reappointed later.
- 2.3 Members are also asked reappoint Philip Johnson and Sir Michael Raymond as the two representatives from the Patient Public Involvement Forum who were co-opted last year. Their reappointment will continue the close relationship established with the PPI Forums as recommended by Department of Health.

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**Background papers:** None  
**List of appendices:** Appendix 1 – Implications

<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial**

1. Co-opted members are entitled to the same travel and subsistence allowances as elected Members, in terms of attending meetings and associated Council business. This can be met from existing budgets.

**Legal**

2. The Council's Procedure Rules on co-option are in line with Government Guidance issued in respect of the Local Government Act 2000. The Local Authority (Overview and Scrutiny Committees Health Scrutiny Functions) Regulations 2003 confirm the powers for cooption.

**Personnel**

3. None.

**Equalities Impact**

4. None.

**Corporate Objectives and Priorities for Change**

- 5.1 The proposal meets the Corporate Objectives of **healthy, safe and independent communities**.
- 5.2 It also meets the Corporate Priority for **modernising social care**.