

**SOUTH EAST ENGLAND COUNCILS
ALL-MEMBER MEETING**

Date: 6 February 2014

Subject: **SEEC nomination to South Central Ambulance Trust**

Report of: Heather Bolton, SEEC Director



Recommendation:

- i) Members select a candidate to represent South East local authority views on the governing body of the South Central Ambulance Trust

1. SEEC nomination requested

- 1.1 SEEC has been invited to nominate a councillor to represent the interests of South East authorities on the Council of South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust. It will be a 3 year appointment starting as soon as possible after 1 March 2014.
- 1.2 SEEC has previously nominated a number of councillors to the trust. One of these – Cllr Simon Hoare (Con, West Oxfordshire DC) – is stepping down, so SEEC has been approached to nominate a replacement to join Cllr Allan Glass, New Forest DC (Conservative) and Cllr Keith House, Eastleigh BC (Lib Dem).
- 1.3 To reflect the trust's area and avoid duplication with existing SEEC nominees, the new representative should represent a local authority in Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire or the Berkshire area and should:
- Ideally have a specific interest in health, and be from a local authority that operates a Health and Well Being Board
 - Not be conflicted (eg should not have strong links with the commissioning of health and social care), or be a member of a local authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee covering health matters
 - Commit to attending 4 out of 5 annual formal meetings each year and a Board of Directors meeting, and participating in at least one membership engagement activity. Formal meeting dates in 2014 are 24 March, 14 May, 22 July, 1 October and in 2015 they are 8 January and 16 March. All meetings run from 6pm-9pm in Newbury.
- The role of the local authority governor includes representing constituency interests and bringing a local authority perspective to governors' discussions, as well as supporting the process of holding the Board of Directors to account, via the Non-Executive Directors, for the performance of the Trust.
- 1.4 SEEC Leaders in relevant authorities have been asked to nominate councillors interested in taking on this role. Nominations received to date are below. Brief CVs for each candidate will be circulated to group meetings on 6 February:
- Cllr Steve Lacey, Wycombe DC (Conservative)
 - Cllr Bet Tickner, Reading BC (Labour).
- 1.5 SEEC members are asked to select a candidate or, present alternative nominations, to take up the role on South Central Ambulance Trust.