

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

Date: 5 February 2015

Subject: **South Central Ambulance Trust Nominations**

Report of: Heather Bolton, SEEC Director



**Recommendation:**

Members are invited to nominate two councillors to serve as local authority governors on South Central Ambulance Trust.

**1. Introduction**

- 1.1 SEEC has a role in nominating councillor governors to serve on the South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS) NHS Foundation Trust, which covers the geographical areas of Hampshire, Berkshire, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire.
- 1.2 There are currently three local authority governors on the SCAS Board:
- Cllr David Burbage, Conservative, Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead
  - Cllr Allan Glass, Conservative, New Forest DC
  - Cllr Keith House, Lib-Dem, Eastleigh BC
- 1.3 Two of these councillors – Cllr Glass and Cllr House – were nominated in 2012 and are now reaching the end of their three year terms of office, so members are asked to consider nominations to fill these two posts for new three-year terms. Cllr Burbage was nominated more recently in September 2014 following resignation of another governor and will continue in post until 2017.
- 1.4 Leaders in relevant SEEC member councils were contacted in January to put forward nominations, which will be presented to members for decision on 5 February.
- 1.5 There is no restriction on members serving more than one term as SCAS governors. SCAS requires politically balanced representation, so in line with SEEC's political template two governors should be drawn from SEEC's majority Conservative Party and one from another party.

**2. The governor role**

- 2.1 Candidates should represent a local authority in the Hampshire, Oxfordshire or Buckinghamshire areas. The trust needs geographical balance and already has representation from the Berkshire area via Cllr Burbage.
- 2.2 Candidates 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 formal governor meetings held in Newbury at 6.30pm. Forthcoming dates for 2015 are: 16 March, 7 May, 1 June, 1 July and 5 October
- 2.3 The role of the local authority governor includes representing the interests of their constituency 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.