

SOUTH EAST ENGLAND COUNCILS EXECUTIVE MEETING



Date: 23 March 2018

Subject: **SEEC nominations to South Central Ambulance Service Trust**

Report of: Heather Bolton, SEEC Director

Recommendation:

- i) Confirm two SEEC nominations for councillors to serve 3-year terms on the governing body of South Central Ambulance Service Trust

1. Background and nomination process

- 1.1 SEEC regularly nominates councillors to serve on the governing body of the South Central Ambulance Service Trust (SCAS). There are three local authority councillor seats on the SCAS council of governors, with councillors appointed on 3-year terms via SEEC.
- 1.2 The SCAS area covers Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hampshire and Oxfordshire, providing 999 and 111 services as well as air ambulance and a range of non-emergency services such as patient transport, first aid training and logistics.
- 1.3 The two vacancies arise as Cllr Keith House (Lib-Dem, Eastleigh BC) has reached the end of his current 3-year term and Cllr Jan Warwick (Conservative, Winchester City Council) has stepped down following her appointment to a Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Cllr Jeanette Clifford (Conservative, West Berkshire Council) remains a governor on a 3-year term until 2020.
- 1.4 Under SEEC's political template two of the three seats are normally allocated to Conservatives and the third seat to a Lib-Dem or Labour councillor. With Cllr Clifford remaining in post, SEEC would normally expect to appoint one Conservative and one opposition councillor to fill the two vacancies.
- 1.5 SCAS governance allows councillors to serve a maximum of three 3-year terms, so re-appointments are possible.
- 1.6 SEEC secretariat requested expressions of interest for the two vacancies in February, asking potential candidates to provide brief CVs to assist SEEC Executive in making its decision on nominations. Hard copy candidate CVs will be available on 23 March.

2. Role of SEEC nominated councillor governors

- 2.1 The successful candidates will be appointed to serve 3-year terms from April 2018. 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 – e.g. 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
 - Be able to attend 6 formal evening meetings of the Council of Governors in Newbury each year, contributing to a membership engagement programme and ideally attending some public board meetings. Currently scheduled dates are 2018: 16 April, 5 June, 24 July and 3 October. And for 2019: 10 January and 6 February.
- 2.2 The councillors' role 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. SCAS will provide an induction programme for the successful candidate.