

Report to Hackney Health and Wellbeing Board

Date:	10.09.2020
Subject:	Proposed membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board
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Summary:	The Health and Wellbeing Board agreed to update the Board’s current membership in July 2020, to ensure representation from partners who can make the greatest contribution to reducing health inequalities. This paper outlines a proposal for the extended membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board.
Recommendations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board is asked to nominate new members that provide expertise and strategic influence over the wider determinants of health • The Mayor is asked to invite the nominees onto the Board.
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1. Introduction and context

The Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) is well positioned and could have the membership to tackle wider determinants of health and health inequalities effectively, since these determinants contribute most to improving health and reducing inequalities, as highlighted in previous HWB Board meetings in March and July this year.

Wider determinants are a diverse range of social, economic and environmental factors which impact on people’s health. The Marmot review, published in 2010, raised the profile of wider determinants of health by emphasising the strong and persistent link between social inequalities and disparities in health outcomes¹.

In July 2020 the HWB endorsed the recommendation to update the Board's current membership to reflect its wider remit beyond the health and care system and ensure representation from partners who can make the greatest contribution to reducing health inequalities. Widening the Board’s membership has also been discussed as a Board vision in a recent Health and Wellbeing Board development session. The rationale for widening the existing Board membership would be to ensure that the appropriate level of expertise and strategic influence exists within the Board’s membership to help meet its objectives, which include addressing local health inequalities and improving health through the wider determinants of health. In practice, this will mean that the expanded membership would include organisations and sectors with responsibility for key determinants of health, such as

¹ [2010, Fair Society Healthy Lives \(The Marmot Review\)](#)

housing and education, and a wider role for the community and voluntary sector.

This paper sets out a proposal for the expanded membership, including examples of proposed members and identification of the areas/determinants of health that the proposed members would represent. It is proposed that each of the wider determinants of health, including education, the built environment, income and employment, community safety and housing have a nominated member to represent this determinant. Proposed services and departments have been identified through consideration of their contribution to the work within the identified wider determinant theme.

The proposed example membership list below is included for Board discussion.

Table 1: Example of proposed Board membership

Wider determinant of health	Services/ organisations to represent wider determinant of health	Proposed representative
Education	Children and Families Department Education and Schools Department	Director of Education
Environment	Planning Department Transport Department Primary Care Network Representative	Director for Neighbourhoods and Housing London Fire Brigade
Income and employment	Economic Development Department	Cllr representative for Employment, skills and human resources Director of Strategy, Policy & Economic Development Representative that has poverty included in their portfolio
Community safety	Police	Borough Commander representative who has violence reduction in their portfolio
Housing	Housing Department	Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing

2. Financial Considerations

None.

3. Legal Considerations

None - membership will need to be ratified at Full Council

Attachments

None.