

<b>TRUST BOARD IN PUBLIC</b>		<b>Date: 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016</b>	
		<b>Agenda Item: 4.4</b>	
<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>		Update from the Shadow Council of Governors	
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<b>REPORT DISCUSSED PREVIOUSLY:</b> (name of sub-committee/group & date)		Shadow Council of Governors Meeting 12.4.16	
<b>Action Required:</b>			
<b>Approval (√ )</b>		<b>Discussion ( )</b>	<b>Assurance (√)</b>
<b>Purpose of Report:</b>			
To provide an update to the Board on the work of the Shadow Council of Governors.			
<b>Summary of key issues</b>			
<p>The third Shadow Council of Governors took place on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016. The meeting was quorate and very well attended by both elected, nominated governors and Executive and Non-Executive Directors.</p> <p>Key area of Focus for this meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trust Update from the Chief Nurse</li> <li>• Update from the Governors</li> <li>• Update from Membership Development Sub-Group</li> <li>• Report from the Audit &amp; Assurance Committee</li> <li>• Review of the Draft Constitution &amp; Approval of a Recommendation</li> <li>• Involvement Opportunities for Governors</li> </ul> <p>Due to the perceived conflict of interest from Healthwatch, the Council of Governors approved the recommendation that the nominated governor seat be withdrawn which would reduce the council of governors from 29 to 28. The Board is asked to ratify this recommendation from the Shadow Council of Governors.</p>			
<b>Recommendation:</b>			
The Board is asked to note the report and to review and ratify the change of the composition of the Shadow Council of Governors.			
<b>Relationship to Trust Strategic Objectives &amp; Assurance Framework:</b>			
<b>SO5:</b> Well led: Become an employer of choice and deliver financial and clinical sustainability around a clinical leadership model			
<b>Corporate Impact Assessment:</b>			
<b>Legal and regulatory impact</b>		A Council of Governors is a statutory requirement for an NHS Foundation Trust and forms part of the governance structure	
<b>Financial impact</b>		N/A	

<b>Patient Experience/Engagement</b>	A significant and important part of the role of the Council of Governors
<b>Risk &amp; Performance Management</b>	Relevant aspects included in the report
<b>NHS Constitution/Equality &amp; Diversity/Communication</b>	Important to the role and function of the Council of Governors
<b>Attachment: N/A</b>	

## TRUST BOARD REPORT – 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016 UPDATE FROM THE SHADOW COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

### 1. Introduction

The Shadow Council of Governors (SCoG) held its third meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016. The meeting was well attended by elected, staff and nominated Governors.

#### 1.2 Main Agenda Items

The following items were discussed:

**Trust Update:** The Chief Nurse gave an overview on developments within the Trust including finance and the end of year deficit, operational pressures on performance in ED, the impact of the junior doctors' industrial action, agency usage, nursing vacancies and progress with local and international recruitment, outcome of the staff survey, FT update and the development of the sustainability and transformation plan footprint.

**Feedback from individual governors:** Concerns were expressed about the increased housing developments in the Tandridge area leading to additional pressure on primary and secondary care. One governor gave a very positive experience of being involved in the SaSH+ improvement workshop.

**Feedback from the Membership Development Sub-Group:** The group continued to develop plans for increasing FT membership but were conscious that this would not begin in earnest until further clarity on the progress of the Trusts FT application which would hopefully be known by September. An introductory letter had gone out from each governor to the membership of each constituency.

**Review of Draft Constitution:** Following discussion and due to the fact that both Healthwatch Surrey and Healthwatch West Sussex have indicated that they could not take up their position as a jointly nominated governor due to their perceived conflict of interest, the Shadow Council of Governors approve the recommendation to withdraw the seat from Healthwatch and reduce the council of governors from 29 to 28.

**Work of the Audit & Assurance Committee (AAC):** The Non-Executive Chair of the AAC provided an update on the role of the AAC within the Trust. The Chairs of other Board sub-committees would be invited to future SCoG meetings to provide an update.

**Proposals for Governor Involvement:** A number of opportunities for governor involvement were discussed and broadly approved. In addition the Organ Donation Committee and Opportunity Walks were added to the list to be made available to governors.

### 2. Recommendation

The Board is asked to note the report from the Shadow Council of Governors and ratify the approved recommendation from the Shadow Council of Governors to withdraw the seat from Healthwatch and reduce the council of governors from 29 to 28.

An update on the work and activities of the Shadow Council of Governors will continue to be provided to the Board on a quarterly basis.

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