

## **Cabinet – 14 April 2010**

### **Joint Director of Public Health Arrangements**

**Portfolio:** Councillor McCracken, Social Care, Health and Housing

**Service:** Social Care and Inclusion (Adult Services)

**Wards:** All Wards

**Key decision:** No

**Forward plan:** No

#### **1. Summary of report**

It is established good practice to have a joint appointment between the NHS and local government in Public Health. NHS Walsall has agreed to extend the responsibilities of the role of the Director of Public Health - Professor Sam Ramaiah - to include functions for Walsall Council. In a reciprocal arrangement, Walsall Council's Director of Social Care and Inclusion will formally represent the authority on the board of NHS Walsall.

#### **2. Recommendations**

That Cabinet endorse these managerial arrangements.

#### **3. Background information**

- 3.1 Walsall Council has a strong, successful working partnership with NHS Walsall and many effective joint and collaborative working practices. We continually seek opportunities to combine our resources in order to deliver a co-ordinated approach and make best use of public investment. There are many advantages in having a joint appointment between the council and the NHS in public health, particularly in working more closely to address health inequalities and lifestyles. The Chief Executive of the Council and the Chief Executive of NHS Walsall have been exploring further integration to enhance the existing partnership and have agreed that they will make reciprocal arrangements within existing roles.

3.2 The Director of Public Health will become a member of the council's executive team. The Director of Social Care and Inclusion will have a place on the board of NHS Walsall and join the Professional Executive Committee. These arrangements will be overseen by the respective Chief Executives and reviewed after a year.

#### **4. Resource considerations**

There are no direct resource implications as a result of this report.

4.1 **Financial:** There are no direct financial implications as a result of this report.

4.2 **Legal:** There are no direct legal implications as a result of this report.

4.3 **Staffing:** There are no direct staffing implications as a result of this report.

#### **5. Citizen impact**

This collaboration is likely to bring benefits to the citizens of the borough.

#### **6. Community safety**

There are no direct implications as a result of this report.

#### **7. Environmental impact**

There are no direct implications as a result of this report.

#### **8. Performance and risk management issues**

Further joint working is likely to have a positive impact on the performance and outcomes for both organisations.

#### **9. Equality implications**

This arrangement will meet equality of outcomes and opportunity for citizens of the borough.

#### **10. Consultation**

There is no formal consultation required.

## Background papers

NHS Walsall Board Agenda and Minutes.

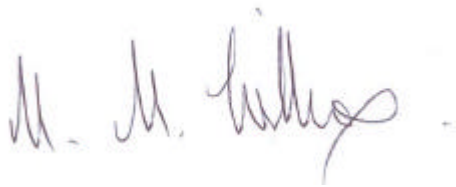
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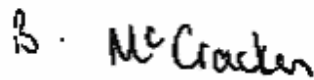
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