

**AGENDA ITEM**

**12.1**

**COMMITTEE: COUNCIL**

**DATE: 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2004**

**SUBJECT: CO-OPTEE ON TO SOCIAL INCLUSION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE (HEAD OF LOCAL DEMOCRACY)**

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**IMPLICATIONS:**

<b>LEGAL</b>	<b>COMMUNITY SAFETY</b>
<b>EQUALITIES</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENT</b>
<b>FINANCIAL</b>	<b>CONSULTATIONS</b>
<b>STAFFING</b>	<b>OTHER</b>

**WARDS AFFECTED: NONE**

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**PURPOSE**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval to a change in the membership of the Social Inclusion Scrutiny Committee to appoint a non-voting Co-opted Mental Health Partnership Management Board representative.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2. Council is recommended to approve the appointment of a non-voting Co-opted Mental Health Partnership Management Board representative on the Social Inclusion Scrutiny Committee.

## **BACKGROUND**

3. At its meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2004, the Social Inclusion Scrutiny Committee requested that Council be recommended to approve the appointment of a non-voting Co-opted Mental Health Partnership Management Board representative onto Social Inclusion Scrutiny Committee.

## **REPORT**

4. The Social Inclusion Scrutiny Committee, at its meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2004, considered a report on the Mental Health Partnership Trust (Ref: 7.1). During the ensuing debate the issue of how the Trust would continue to consult the Council and how future reviews of the service would be undertaken was discussed. Members of the Social Inclusion Scrutiny Committee decided that a non-voting representative from the Management Board of the Mental Health Partnership Trust, to represent the people with mental health issues, should be included in its membership.
5. The Scrutiny Board, at its meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2004, considered the views of the Social Inclusion Scrutiny Committee (Ref: 6.2). The Board expressed concerns regarding the implications of co-opting representatives on to the other Scrutiny Committees or consultative bodies of the Council, and were of the view that the matter should be given further consideration. It was suggested that the Council's views be sought on the principle of appointing co-optees onto Scrutiny Committees. It was noted that the co-opted members of the Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee were statutory appointments.
6. The Council, at its meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2004, considered the views of the Social Inclusion Scrutiny Committee and Scrutiny Board (Ref: 9.1). Council expressed the view that every Scrutiny Committee shall be entitled to recommend to the Full Council the appointment of one or more members of the Committee who are not Member of the Council.
7. Social Inclusion Scrutiny Committee re-considered this matter on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2004 and resolved as follows:  
  
“(i) That the Director of Scrutiny be requested to write to the Mental Health Partnership Management Board requesting a nomination for a non-voting co-optee member to join Social Inclusion Scrutiny Committee.  
  
(ii) That subject to the outcome of (i) above Council be requested to approve the appointment of a non-voting co-optee member from the

Mental Health Partnership Management Board onto the Social Inclusion Scrutiny Committee”.

**PROPOSAL/OPTION**

8. It was proposed that the Council be recommended to approve the appointment of a non-voting Co-opted Mental Health Partnership Trust representative on the Social Inclusion Scrutiny Committee.

**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 100D**

9. Committee report Ref: SB/04/04/6.2  
Committee report Ref: SI/04/04/7.1  
Committee report Ref: SI/09/04/7.1  
Committee report Ref: SB/10/04/6.1