

Healthwatch Oxfordshire Board of Directors

Date of Meeting: May 26 TH 2015	Paper No: 7
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Title of Presentation: Election of Vice Chair

This paper is for	Discussion		Decision	x	Information	
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Purpose and Executive Summary (if paper longer than 3 pages):

Financial Implications of Paper: None

Action Required: To vote on the Election of a new Vice Chair - noting the arrangements for participating in this vote if you have sent your apologies for the meeting.

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1. Introduction

The current Vice Chair of the Healthwatch Oxfordshire Board was originally elected to serve until January 2015, but kindly agreed to extend his term of office until this meeting of the Board. We would like to thank Dermot Roaf formally for fulfilling this role since May last year and for agreeing to extend his term of office to allow new Board members to settle in before voting for a replacement.

It was agreed at the March meeting that we would undertake an election to agree a new Vice Chair at this May meeting, and nominations were formally called for after the Board workshop on April 28th.

2. Nominations received

We have received two nominations. Jacquie Pearce-Gervis has nominated Jean Nunn-Price and Paul Ader has nominated Tracey Rees. Both candidates have accepted those nominations. We will therefore need to hold a ballot.

3. Arrangements for voting

The HWO constitution allows for Directors to participate in the meeting even if they are not physically present, but does not allow for email, postal or proxy voting. As a number of Directors have sent their apologies for this meeting we have made arrangements for them to join for this item by conference call should they wish to cast a vote.

We will ensure that we get to this item at 5.45 pm, and to join the meeting at this point for this item you need to dial into the conference call at 5.45pm using the following numbers:

Dial-in number UK: 0844 545 2121

Dial-in number UK mobiles: 83000

Your PIN is: 90108793

Please let the Company Secretary (Rachel Coney) know at least 24 hours ahead of the meeting whether you are planning to dial in for this item, so that we do not inadvertently exclude anyone.

Please note that as we need to enable people to participate by telephone the ballot will be open and not secret.

Please also note that the constitution requires that the decision be a majority decision, and that the Chair has a second casting vote in the event of a tie.