
LORN & ISLANDS HOSPITAL: HOSPITAL REDESIGN TASK GROUP

1. SUMMARY

A formal approach has been received from NHS Highland which sets out their agreement to expand the number of Councillors on the Hospital Redesign Task Group and that requests the Council to arrange appropriate nominations.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Committee gives consideration as to how it could be best represented on the Task Group in view of the concerns set out in paragraph 3.2 below.

3. DETAIL

3.1 Following concerns expressed by Members during the redesign of hospital services at the Lorn & Islands Hospital in relation to the feeling that some of their concerns were not openly addressed; a formal approach has been received from NHS Highland suggesting that it would not be unreasonable to incorporate an additional element of council representation.

3.2 Whilst the Locality Manager, David Whiteoak, is fairly relaxed in terms of additional council representation, he has stated that the intention over the coming months is that the Group is set to become more focussed on clinical detail rather than the bigger picture of hospital design and accordingly has some concerns that the attendance at meetings may be skewed towards Council representation. He therefore suggests that regardless of how many appointments the Committee makes to the Task Group, they should organise between themselves for one to represent all others at meetings.

3.3 Councillor Robertson already sits on the Task Group in her role as a Member of the CHP Committee and the Board of NHS Highland.

3.4 To assist the Committee, a copy of the Terms of Reference and Remit are attached at Appendix 1.

4. IMPLICATIONS

Policy -	None
Financial –	Potential increase in expenses depending on what the Committee agrees in terms of representation.
Legal -	None
Personnel -	None
Equal	None
Opportunities -	

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