
REPORT TO:	FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 11
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REPORT FROM:	CHIEF EXECUTIVE	OPEN
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SUBJECT:	REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES – BURTON HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE: FM03

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 The Committee's instructions are requested.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To consider the nomination of a Member to serve on the Board of Governors of this Foundation Trust.

3.0 Detail

3.1 The Council has been invited to nominate a Member to serve on the Board of Governors of the Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. The proposed governance structure for Foundation Trusts has three main components:-

- a membership community
- a Board of Governors (in this case, Burton Hospitals Governors)
- a Board of Directors

3.2 NHS Foundation Trusts will strengthen local ownership of, and responsibility for, hospital services. Decisions would be taken by the Trust with local communities for local communities. Local people, patients, carers and staff would be eligible to become members of the Trust and there would be no limit on the number of people who may register as members, provided they meet the eligibility criteria.

3.3 The successful management of Burton Hospitals as a Foundation Trust would be the responsibility of its Board of Directors working together with a Board of 28 Governors (Burton Hospitals Governors). The interests of the members and the many partner organisations would be represented by Burton Hospitals Governors. The Board of Directors would direct the operational management of the Foundation Trust. It would have to consult Burton Hospitals Governors on the development of future plans and

any substantial proposed variations from these. A single chairperson would lead both the Burton Hospitals Governors and the Board of Directors. The aim of this new governance structure is to build on the sense of ownership people feel towards their local hospital. It would provide new ways in which local people could contribute to the success of Burton Hospitals.

3.4 Further details on Governors are contained in the relevant extract of 'A Guide to Developing Governance Arrangements' attached at Annexe 'A'.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 Attendance at meetings will be an approved duty for travelling allowance.

5.0 Corporate Implications

5.1 None.

6.0 Community Implications

6.1 It is stated that NHS Foundation Trusts will strengthen local ownership of, and responsibility for, hospital services. Decisions would be taken by the Trust with local communities for local communities.

7.0 Background Papers

7.1 16 Aug 04 Letter from Burton Hospitals NHS Trust