

To:	Trust Board
From:	Jayne Warner Trust Secretary
Date:	5 July 2016

Title:	Council of Members						
Author/Responsible Director: Jayne Warner Trust Secretary							
Purpose of the Report: To ask the Board to support a proposal to commence the process to establish a Council of Members to allow the Board to increase engagement with membership, staff and stakeholders.							
The Report is provided to the Committee for:							
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Summary/Key Points:							
<p>It is proposed that the Trust begin work to establish a Members' Council nominated by the members of the Trust to represent their views and interests by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holding the Non-Executive Directors to account for the performance of the Board. • Advising the Trust on strategy and priorities to make sure that we are tackling the issues that are important to our patients and their families. • Representing the interests of members and the public, and meeting and communicating with them about Trust developments. • Helping promote membership and membership recruitment. <p>As the Trust is not authorised with Foundation status the council of members will not fulfil the legal obligations that a full Council of Governors in a foundation Trust would for instance appointing and removing the Chair and Non Executive Directors</p> <p>The Trust will complete a piece of work to draft a proposal based on the work carried out as part of the foundation trust programme. The proposal will then be brought to a Trust Board meeting for discussion and approval.</p> <p>It is envisaged that the Council of Members will follow the form of a Foundation Trust Council of Governors with representatives from the membership base, staff and local stakeholders. Its role will be to act as the link between the Trust Board and the</p>							

community.

The Chair of the Trust Board will act as Chair of the Council of Members

Recommendations:

The Board are asked to support the proposal of the establishment of a Council of Members.

Strategic Risk Register - Yes

Performance KPIs year to date

Resource Implications (eg Financial, HR)

Assurance Implications

Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) Implications

Equality Impact

Information exempt from Disclosure

Requirement for further review?