

Council of Governors

Item 9.2

council paper

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1. Introduction

The purpose of this paper is to finalise four set objectives for the Council of Governors (CoG) to achieve in 2016.

At the Council of Governors meeting in December 2015, the CoG discussed the outcomes of the Annual Joint Council of Governor's and Board of Director's Development Day held on 18th November 2015. Two key themes had been highlighted from the day as areas to focus for the CoG Objectives – Holding to Account and Representing Members and the Public. It was agreed in order to shape these themes into SMART objectives and consider any further objectives that the governance task and finish group would meet to finalise the objectives. The task and finish group met on Wednesday 13th January 2016 and a cross-section of Governors joined the discussions.

This report sets out the proposed objectives, as discussed by the task and finish group and details any actions identified. The Council of Governors is asked to review and approve these objectives for 2016.

2. Council of Governors' Objectives 2016

Objective 1 - Holding the Non Executive Directors to account for the performance of the Board of Directors

Actions to include:

- Review of the pack of documents received at Council of Governors meeting including the format and content of performance report.
- Implementation of changes to CoG infrastructure following review at the joint development day on 18th November 2015 including:
 - Composition and timing of interest groups
 - Reviewed timing of CoG days and walkabouts to ensure better flow
 - Membership of Sub Committees – encouraging new members to help with succession planning

- Interest Groups Review including enhanced role of Staff Governor (3 to Facilitate Interest Groups) and Governors to submit questions/topics in advance of interest groups to their Staff Governor Facilitator
 - Continue with presentation from service leads at the start of CoG meeting.
- Contribute to the procurement and delivery of the well led review.

Objective 2 – Embrace the governor role of representing members and members of the public

Actions to include:

- Review timing and structure of annual health day.
- Implement enhancements to Members Matters in light of feedback from 2015 members' survey.
- Membership and Communications Sub Committee to:
 - Implement a succession plan
 - Publish calendar of engagement events for 2016/17.

Objective 3 - To engage with and contribute to the strategic options appraisal and help shape the strategic future of LHCH

Actions to include:

- To engage with and contribute to the strategic options appraisal consultation activity
- To effectively challenge the Board of Directors on the strategic options appraisal/Healthy Liverpool programme).

Objective 4 –Governors to be engaged and involved in the forthcoming CQC Inspection in April 2016

Actions to include:

- Embrace governor role and contribute to CQC visit.
- Introduce champions for each governor interest group.

3. Recommendations

The Council of Governors is asked to review and approve the Council of Governor Objectives for 2016, as proposed by the governance task and finish group. An update report to monitor progress against the objectives will be provided at forthcoming quarterly Council of Governors meetings.