

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **COUNCIL MEETING - 28 APRIL 2005**

#### **NOMINATION TO THE NHS BOARD**

##### **Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To seek a nomination for a Member of Council to become a Member on the NHS Board.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Council at its meeting of the Emergency Powers Committee on 31 July 2001, agreed to nominate Councillor Tommy Farrell to be appointed by the Minister for Health and Community Care as a Member of the principal NHS Board (Item 1, Page 1956, 99/03).
- 2.2 Following the submission of Councillor Farrell's nomination to the Chair of the NHS Board, Councillor Farrell was subsequently appointed by the Minister for Health and Community Care to serve as a Local Authority Non Executive Board Member until 30 September 2005.

#### **3. LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS OF THE NHS BOARD**

- 3.1 Local Authority Members will have full corporate membership of the Board in the same way as all other Members appointed to the NHS Board by the Minister.
- 3.2 Neither Local Authority Members nor any other Members of the Board are appointed on a representative basis: they are not there to represent either the Local Authority or any other body or group.
- 3.3 The presence of elected representatives on NHS Board's is intended to:-
- improve communications between NHS and Local Authorities;
  - support closer partnership working, consistent with the principles of community planning;
  - play a vital role in helping to strengthen collaboration between NHS Scotland and Local Authorities - not just in planning but across a range of activities including service delivery and community care; and
  - help ensure that the local health plan for each NHS Board area is consistent with the components of the community planning process in each Local Authority area.
- 3.4 As it is vital that Local Authority Members of NHS Board's enjoy the full confidence of their Authorities and are able to commit to decisions on health and health service matters which could affect their local communities, the Scottish Executive initially invited Local Authorities to nominate either their

Leader, Depute Leader or a Senior Member of the Local Authority with designated responsibility for public health related issues to be appointed, by the Minister, as members of their principal NHS Board.

#### **4. LOCAL AUTHORITY NON-EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER 2005-2009**

**4.1** Professor George L Irving, Chairman of the NHS Ayrshire and Arran has written to the Leader of the Council requesting the nomination of a Councillor to serve on the NHS Board.

**4.2** Professor Irving has intimated that Councillor Farrell has made a major contribution to Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board and whilst recognising that it is for East Ayrshire Council to determine its nomination in respect of this matter, has indicated that Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board would be very pleased if Councillor Farrell was again nominated by East Ayrshire Council to serve for up to a further four years from 1 October 2005.

#### **5. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS - NIL.**

#### **6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

**6.1** Minor administrative allowances in terms of approved expenses and allowances for Councillors.

#### **7. RECOMMENDATION**

**7.1** It is recommended that the Council give consideration to nominating a Member of the Local Authority to be appointed by the Minister as a Member of the Principal NHS Board.

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20 April 2005

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#### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. Letter dated 11 March 2005 from Professor George L Irving, Chairman, NHS Ayrshire and Arran.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers relative to this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager, on telephone number 01563 576135. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager, on telephone number 01563 576135.

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