

**Decision Maker:** Adult and Community PDS Committee

**Date:** 26<sup>th</sup> July 2011

**Decision Type:** Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

**Title:** APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED MEMBERS TO THE A&C PDS COMMITTEE 2011/12

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**Ward:** All

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1. Reason for report

Following a review of the positions available for Co-opted Members sitting on the Adult and Community PDS Committee an invitation has been extended to Bromley LINK to nominate a representative to sit on the Committee and fully participate in meetings.

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2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2.1 That the following A&C PDS Co-opted Membership appointments be made to the A&C PDS Committee for 2011/12 without voting rights:

- Richard Lane as Bromley LINK Representative.

### Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing policy. Co-opted Membership at relevant PDS Committees is encouraged given the added value that Co-opted Membership can bring to a PDS Committee's work
  2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council.
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### Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No cost
  2. Ongoing costs: N/A.
  3. Budget head/performance centre: Democratic Services
  4. Total current budget for this head: £302,390
  5. Source of funding: Existing 2011/12 budget.
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### Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): There are 10 posts (9.22 fte) in the Democratic Services Team.
  2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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### Legal

1. Legal Requirement: No statutory requirement or Government guidance.
  2. Call-in: Call-in is not applicable. This report does not involve an executive decision.
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### Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): This report is intended primarily for Members of this Committee
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### Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? No.
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: N/A

### 3. Commentary

- 3.1 The London Borough of Bromley Procedure Rules (within the Constitution) state that “Policy Development and Scrutiny Committees are empowered to appoint non-voting co-optees on such terms and conditions as they consider appropriate.”[LBB Constitution 2011, Page 101]
- 3.2 Following a review of the Membership of the Adult and Community PDS Committee there Chairman requested that an invitation be extended to Bromley LINK to nominate a representative to attend meetings and speak on behalf of the organisation. It was felt that with the rapid reforms that are now shaping the health and social care agenda, Bromley LINK could bring some valuable expertise to the Committee.
- 3.3 Co-opted Members bring their own area of interest and expertise to the work of a PDS Committee. Co-opted Members often represent the interests of key groups within a Portfolio and co-option to a Committee can ensure that their views are taken into account when issues are considered. They broaden the spectrum of involvement in the PDS process and make the intrusion of party politics into scrutiny proceedings more difficult.
- 3.4 Co-opted Members are bound by the Members Code of Conduct and are therefore expected to declare both personal and prejudicial interests and excuse themselves from parts of meetings where a conflict of interest arises.

<b>Non-Applicable Sections:</b>	Policy, Financial, Legal and Personnel
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	None