**TRAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION**

| DATE OF DECISION | 24th September 2012 | DECISION MAKER |
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| DECISION REFERENCE | E/24.09.12-5 | **Executive** (Councillors Anstee, Dr. Barclay, Miss Blackburn, Colledge, Cornes, Coupe, Hyman, Mitchell and M. Young) |

RECORD OF THE DECISION

Trafford LINks to Healthwatch Trafford (HWT)

1. That the progress made to date be noted.
2. That the proposal to develop HealthwatchTrafford in partnership with our existing Trafford LINks and local communities be approved.
3. That approval be given to the proposal that HealthwatchTrafford is established as a company limited by guarantee, to be known as Healthwatch Trafford, with the potential to apply for charitable status if required by the Company (once established).
4. That agreement be given to work with the Healthwatch Trafford Board (once established) to implement the more detailed recommendations from the public consultation and the LINks evaluation.
5. That the key governance and structure principles set out in the report be approved.
6. That approval be given to the proposed recruitment process for Healthwatch Trafford and that Trafford Council should lead on the appointment of a chair and the establishment of the Healthwatch Trafford Board.
7. That it be noted that the Leader of the Council has given delegated authority to the Executive Member for Community Health and Wellbeing to approve the detailed arrangements for the establishment of the new Healthwatch organisation and of any legal agreements to be entered into between the Council and the new organisation.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Healthwatch Trafford is required to be a body corporate that can carry out the functions set out in the Health and Social Care Act 2012. It will also be able to commission and hold contracts, employ staff, and generate income to be used to support its work. A company limited by guarantee is a legal structure which would enable the organisation to carry out the required roles and protect the members by limiting their liability. The recommendation to develop Healthwatch Trafford from Trafford LINks is based on proposals from the Department of Health, and builds on the local knowledge, connections and experience of the existing organisation.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

A range of possible alternative structures are considered in detail in section 6 of the report.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION

None.

| IMPLEMENTATION DATE | PUBLICATION DATE |
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| **3rd October 2012** (Sixth working day after publication, unless called in). | 25th September 2012 |
| | **RECORDED BY:** |
| | Acting Director of Legal & Democratic Services |

**RETURN TO DEMOCRATIC SERVICES DIVISION, 6TH FLOOR, QUAY WEST, TRAFFORD WHARF ROAD, TRAFFORD PARK, M17 1HH, AS SOON AS A DECISION IS MADE OR AS REASONABLY PRACTICABLE THEREAFTER.**