

Select Committee No 4 (Health) –**13 September 2007****Present at the meeting:**

Councillor G M Bretherton (Chair)
Councillor Mrs J Hurst
Councillor Mrs S Loudon
Councillor C Rigby
Councillor N R Whittingham

.1 Apologies for absence: Councillor R J Derricutt, Councillor I A Franzen, Councillor Mrs R Winkworth.

.2 Minutes of last meeting: The minutes of the meeting of this Select Committee held on 16 August 2007 were approved as a correct record.

.3 Mr A Foster, Chief Executive, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Trust: Mr A Foster and Ms G Harris Director of Nursing & Patient Services gave a presentation on the WWL NHS Trust and its application for Foundation Trust status.

Resolved: The Select Committee thanked Mr A Foster and Ms G Harris for their presentation and asked to be kept informed of any changes and developments as part of this application.

.4 Terms of Reference: D Taylor shared the updated terms of reference with the Select Committee.

Resolved: The Select Committee accepted the changes to the terms of reference. Mrs N Payne to supply the Select Committee with a revised copy.

.5 Update on LINKs: Mr A Hardy updated the Select Committee on the current position around LINKs.

Resolved: The Select Committee thanked Mr A Hardy for this information and asked to be kept informed of any further progress.

.6 Any other business: D Taylor circulated a proposed list of initiatives as part of the topic on health inequalities and asked members if they would be willing to undertake surveys in each of their constituencies.

Resolved: The Select Committee agreed with this proposal and agreed to do it through townships. Councillor Mrs S Loudon will also take this to Overview and Scrutiny Committee to request all members champion this in their own area.

The Select Committee requested a glossary to go alongside the initiatives.

Resolved: D Taylor and Mrs N Payne agreed to prepare this for the next meeting.

D Taylor updated the Select Committee on the results of the 'Making it Better' consultation from last year.

Resolved. The Select Committee thanked D Taylor for this information.

.7 Date and time of next meeting: Resolved: The next meeting of this Select Committee be held on 11 October 2007 at 6.00pm.

Chairman