



ARTICLE NO: 3D

**CORPORATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:**

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Report of: Assistant Director Community Services

Relevant Managing Director: Managing Director (People and Places)

Relevant Portfolio Holder: Councillor D Sudworth

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**SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO PUBLIC CONSULTATION – PLANS TO BECOME A
FOUNDATION TRUST**

Wards affected: Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF ARTICLE

1.1 To provide Members with the details of the formal response made to the Public Consultation from the Southport & Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, on their plans to become a Foundation Trust.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 In March of this year, we were advised of the Hospital Trust's Public Consultation. Members were immediately advised by e-mail of their proposals to apply to become a Foundation Trust.

2.2 Members were advised that Foundation Trusts were created to put decision-making about health care into the hands of local people. They are run as membership organisations and their members perform several significant functions, including:-

- Influencing, through greater involvement and ownership, how the health services that the Trust is responsible for, are run;
- contributing to developing new services or improving existing ones;
- becoming a Trust Governor and working with the Board of Directors to deliver the best health care for local people.

2.3 The full document and further details were provided at www.southportandormskirk.nhs.uk. Unfortunately the relatively short deadline for responding did not provide an opportunity to take the matter before Cabinet. Members were therefore asked to submit any comments to me, so that I could then take them into consideration when responding on behalf of the Council, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder. No comments were received from Members.

2.4 Members were also advised of the Trust's intention to hold a series of public meetings, as part of the consultation process. Details of dates, times and venues were provided for these events in Ormskirk, Tarleton and Skelmersdale.

3.0 CURRENT POSITION

3.1 Appendix A provides this Authority's response to the specific questions asked in the Consultation Document.

4.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS/COMMUNITY STRATEGY

4.1 There are no significant sustainability impacts associated with this Article and, in particular, no significant impact on crime and disorder. The Article has no significant links with the Sustainable Community Strategy.

5.0 FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no significant financial or resource implications arising from this Article.

6.0 RISK ASSESSMENT

6.1 This item is for information only and makes no recommendations. It therefore does not require a formal risk assessment and no changes have been made to risk registers as a result of this Article.

Background Documents

The following background documents (as defined in Section 100D (5) of the Local Government Act 1972) have been relied on to a material extent in preparing this Article.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Document</u>
March 2011	Southport & Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust 'Have your say'

Equality Impact Assessment

This Article details a response to a Consultation, to assist the Hospital Trust with their decision-making process. This Article, in itself does not have any direct impact on members of the public, employees, elected members and / or stakeholders. Therefore no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

Appendices

1. Response by WLBC to Public Consultation

**Response to Public Consultation from Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS
Trust on their plans to become a Foundation Trust**

- Do you agree with our aims and objectives set out in this document?
 - to simplify the organisation of care **Yes**
 - to transform the way we work **Yes**
 - to enable transformation change **Yes**
 - to strive for excellence in all we do **Yes**
- What one thing would you like us to achieve in our first year as a foundation trust?

Provide a noticeable improvement in Community engagement.

- Do you believe that becoming a foundation trust will help us to meet our vision for the future? **Yes**
- What would you prefer us to be know as when we become a foundation trust? (choice of two)

Southport and Ormskirk NHS Foundation Trust

- Do you agree with a minimum age of 16 for members? **Yes**
- Do you agree with our proposals to have three membership levels? **Yes**
- Do you agree with a minimum age of 18 for governors? **Yes**
- Do you agree with our plans for staff membership? **Yes**
- Do you agree the membership constitutencies we propose are right? **Yes**
- Do you think we are representing the right staff groups? **Yes**
- Do you agree with our proposal to have 11 public governors? **Yes**
- Do you agree with our proposal to have 4 staff governors? **Yes**
- Do you agree with our proposal to have 5 appointed governors?
AND
- Do you agree with the organisations we have chosen for our appointed governors?

No. Whilst we understand the rationale behind appointing governors from Sefton MBC and Lancashire County Council, we strongly believe that a further place should be offered to West Lancashire Borough Council. We can improve your engagement with West Lancashire residents, through our many and varied community links.

- Do you think we have the right number of public governors from each constituency? **Yes**
- Do you agree with our composition for the Board of Directors? **Yes**
- Have you any suggestions to help us recruit members?

Use our network links with community groups, parish councils and the Local Strategic Partnership (and its various thematic groups).