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| Date of meeting | 14 July 2008 |
| Title of paper | Note of the first public meeting of the Wandsworth LINK held on 17 June 2008 |
| Agenda item no | 1.4 |
| Paper number | B |
| Context | <p>This summary of key points arising from the first public meeting has already been circulated to IE members and to LINK members.</p> <p>Issues raised by those who attended the meeting have been incorporated in the work plan paper (1.J).</p> <p>A detailed note was taken and is on file for reference purposes.</p> |
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| Action required | For approval |

SUMMARY NOTE OF FIRST PUBLIC MEETING OF WANDSWORTH LINK HELD ON 17 JUNE 2008

1. First public meeting of Wandsworth LINK was held at Balham Library on the evening of 17 June
2. 71 people attend of which 66 were members
3. Chair of Wandsworth Care Alliance who have been appointed as LINK Host chaired the meeting
4. 16 members of LINK had put their names forwarded for election to the 12 places on the Interim Executive
5. The meeting discussed whether to vote for 12 of the 16 nominations or elect all 16 without a vote
6. The meeting discussed whether this decision should be taken by everyone attending the public meeting or only by those people who were signed up members of LINK before the deadline of 12 Noon Friday 13 June.
7. After lengthy discussion about the relative importance of following laid down procedures or the importance of LINK being as inclusive as possible, it was agreed by a vote of members that all 16 nominated candidates should be elected to form the Interim Executive
8. The 16 people are Coleen Bowen, Alison Buick, Caroline Furnivall, Mike Grahn, Del Hosain, Susanna Kawalek, Catherine Kennington, Aminuzzaman Khan, Stephan Kuchar, Esther Persuad, Marisca Ribeiro, Louise Shellard, Kurt Schwarz, Irene Storer, Peter Whitby and Barbara Willerton.
9. The chairman of the meeting explained that the newly appointed Interim Executive needed to appoint a Chair.
10. However the Interim executive members did not feel they knew each other well enough yet to do this and so agreed to the appoint Stefan Kuchar for two meetings (this and the next) before electing a Chair (or Co-chair)
11. The Interim Executive agreed to meet in private for these first two meetings to allow the members time to establish working relations.
12. In order for the Interim Executive to participate in the appointment of an Executive Assistant who will work with

LINK, Stephan Kuchar agreed to sit on the selection panel for this full time staff appointment

13. During the course of an open discussion, those attending the public meeting asked that the LINK consider the following points:

Key action points

- LINK should be as inclusive as possible with a wide membership representing the whole population of Wandsworth
- LINK should provide information and reports as widely as possible in as many different forms as possible so that LINK is accessible to people with physical, learning, language or other difficulties
- LINK should ensure that all its meetings are accessible to everyone
- LINK should build on the good work of the Patient & Public Involvement Forums but should give an equal emphasis to health and social care issues
- LINK should find out about and build on the good work of all groups and projects happening in Wandsworth concerned with health and social care
- LINK should find ways of making sure all areas of the Borough knew about LINK and had a chance to be involved
- LINK should lobby the Council to support all categories of people with social care needs, not just the most serious as they do at the moment
- LINK should be actively involved in national plans that will affect Wandsworth and the provision of NHS services (such as the Darzi report)
- LINK should ensure that people are reimbursed for their involvement in LINK