Ashford and St. Peter's Hospitals NHS
NHS Foundation Trust

**COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS**
**15th February 2011**

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| **TITLE** | **APPOINTMENT OF LEAD GOVERNOR** |
| **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY** | Under the constitution the Council of Governors is able to appoint a Lead Governor. The role is outlined in the Constitution and also Monitor's Code of Governance. |
| **The Council is asked to:** | Note the results of the ballot (which will be available at the Council meeting) and agree the appointment of the Lead Governor for a one year period. |
| **Submitted by:** | Jane Gear<br>Head of Corporate Affairs |
| **Date:** | 12th February 2011 |
| **Decision:** | To approve |

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## 1 Background

This Governor is able to lead the Council in circumstances where it is not thought appropriate for the Chair or one of the other Non-Executive Directors to lead. These occasions are likely to be limited, but a typical example would be where there was a meeting which involved discussing the appointment of the Chairman.

The Lead Governor also has a specific role to play where the Governors need to communicate directly with Monitor. Usually communications with Monitor would be through the Chairman or Head of Corporate Affairs, but there might be exceptional circumstances where this is not appropriate. It is expected this would only occur where there is the possibility of a significant breach of the Trust's Terms of Authorisation.
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As the Council is newly formed and there has been only limited opportunities for the Council to get to know each other, it is proposed to appoint the Lead Governor for a one year period only in the first instance.

### Person specification

An outline person specification was circulated with the invitation for
. governors to nominate themselves as Lead Governor:

- Have the confidence of Governor colleagues and of members of the Board of Directors
- Be able to commit the time necessary
- Have the ability to influence and negotiate
- Be able to present well-reasoned argument
- Be committed to the success of the Foundation Trust
- Be able to demonstrate experience of chairing both large and small meetings effectively
- Demonstrate an understanding of the Trust's Constitution and how the Trust is influenced by other organisations.

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## 2 The Ballot

5 Governors put themselves forward for the role of lead Governor

Maurice Cohen
David Frank
Michèle Low
Steve McCarthy
Andrew Ryland

The closing date for receipt of ballot papers was 11th February so the results of the process will be available at the Council meeting.

## 3 RECOMMENDATION

The Council appoint a lead Governor for a one year period effective from 15 February 2011