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Healthwatch Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Appointment of Guarantor

Purpose

1. This report seeks approval for a new Guarantor for Healthwatch Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

Key issues

- 2. The Guarantor role serves as a corporate guardian and an independent source of scrutiny. The role is defined in the organisation's Governance Document (see paragraphs 5 to 7).
- 3. Dr Clive Morton is seeking approval as Healthwatch Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Guarantor and has gained approval of the Commissioner.

Action required by the Board

- 4. The Board is asked to:
 - Approve Dr Clive Morton as Healthwatch Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Guarantor

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The Guarantor Role

- 5. There are up to three Guarantors appointed by the Chief Executives of Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council. Their appointment will require approval of the Board of Directors.
- 6. The role of the Healthwatch Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Guarantor is to give support and advice to the Board of Directors and act as a corporate guardian.
- 7. Examples of their input includes:
 - Provide feedback and advice in the pursuit of good governance
 - Participation in the recruitment and any possible removal of the Chair
 - Provide a space for Directors to raise sensitive issues regarding the Chair and/or the CEO that they feel they cannot raise elsewhere
 - Be available to listen to stakeholders particularly if there are issues that people do not feel they can take through other routes