

DECISION-MAKER:	HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
SUBJECT:	SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS TRUST – FOUNDATION TRUST APPLICATION
DATE OF DECISION:	26 JULY 2011
REPORT OF:	ALISON AYERS, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SUHT
STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY	
None	

BRIEF SUMMARY

SUHT is in the final stages of applying to become a Foundation Trust. Its application began in 2007 but was paused for 12 months due to issues with the Trust's financial position in January 2010

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) To note progress with SUHT's Foundation Trust Application.
- (ii) To agree the Panel's support for the Foundation Trust Application.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To inform the scrutiny panel of the Trust's progress with its FT application
2. To seek support for the Trust in embarking on this change to its status and governance arrangements.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

- 3 None.

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

- 4 A three month public consultation was held at an early stage in the application process and this began in October 2007. Since then the Trust has recruited a thriving membership and held elections to form a shadow Members' Council. The Trust continues to consult with its members via this Council.

Details of the current position are set out at annexe 1.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

- 5 N/A

Property/Other

- 6 N/A

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

- 7 N/A

Other Legal Implications:

- 8 None

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

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KEY DECISION? Yes/No

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:

Appendices

1.	<i>Briefing for Southampton City Council Health Scrutiny Panel Southampton University Hospitals NHS Trust Foundation Trust Application July 2011</i>
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Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	N/A
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Integrated Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) to be carried out.	Yes/No
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Other Background Documents

Integrated Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:

Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
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