Healthwatch North Somerset Annual General Meeting, October 2020

Special Resolution to be put to Members

1 To amend our Articles of Association so that beneficiaries include all residents of Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire. The Objects will then read as follows

THE ADVANCEMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE AND THE RELIEF OF THOSE IN NEED BY: (A) PROVIDING INFORMATION AND ADVICE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT LOCAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SERVICES; (B) MAKING THE VIEWS AND EXPERIENCES OF MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC KNOWN TO HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PROVIDERS; (C) ENABLING LOCAL PEOPLE TO HAVE A VOICE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF, AND EQUALITY OF ACCESS TO, LOCAL HEALTH AND CARE SERVICES AND FACILITIES. BENEFICIARIES TO INCLUDE ALL PEOPLE RESIDENT IN BRISTOL, NORTH SOMERSET AND SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

2 To change our Legal Title from ‘Healthwatch North Somerset’ to ‘Healthwatch Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire’

Explanatory Note

Healthwatch North Somerset was previously commissioned by North Somerset Council in accordance with the Health & Social Care Act.

In October 2019, we were jointly commissioned by Bristol North Somerset and South Gloucestershire under a single contract to provide Healthwatch for the three Unitary Authority areas. Extending the beneficiaries accordingly recognises the new situation, and the new name also reflects the local NHS organisational structure, with one combined Clinical Commissioning Group for the whole area.

If agreed, the resolution will be submitted to Companies House and Charity Commission for their formal agreement and implementation as soon as practicable.