

# Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda  
Item No.

Report of Chief Executive  
to  
People Scrutiny Committee

On 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017

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**Scrutiny Committee - updates**  
**A Part 1 Agenda Item**

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## 1. Purpose of Report

To update the Committee on a number of scrutiny matters.

## 2. Recommendations

That the report and any actions taken be noted.

## 3. Remit of People Scrutiny Committee

### 3.1 The Scrutiny Committee is responsible for the following areas:

- All Child and Adult Education
- Youth Services
- Children's Social Services
- Adult Social Services
- Public Health
- Commissioning/Procurement for Children, Adults and Public Health, and
- Health scrutiny role (conferred by the Health & Social Care Act 2012)

Membership of the Committee also includes the statutory co-optees and other co-optees.

### 3.2 Elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting is information on the range of work undertaken by the Scrutiny Committees during 2016/17.

## 4 Draft Quality Report / Accounts 2015/16

### 4.1 At the last meeting of the Committee members were advised about the arrangements for the receipt of the draft Quality Account from SEPT<sup>1</sup> and Southend Hospital (Minute 966 refers). At the meeting, the Committee agreed that the documents would be circulated to Committee members for any comments and for a submission to be sent to the Trusts in the time frame.

### 4.2 Submissions were sent to the Trusts as follows:-

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<sup>1</sup> Now Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (EPUT), which was formed following the merger of North Essex Partnership Trust (NEP) and SEPT. See <https://eput.nhs.uk/about-us/>

Southend Hospital (sent 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017)

*"1 comment has been received from a committee member on the draft document, making some typographical corrections. During 2016/17, the Committee engaged with the Trust on issues, for example the Success Regime / Mid and south Essex STP. Also, the Managing Director was invited to a special meeting of the Committee during the year to update members on recent changes at the Hospital following the management changes, update on inspection matters, recruitment and other key issues / challenges facing the Trust. Unfortunately an earlier item at the particular meeting took longer than expected so the update will be provided at a later date."*

SEPT (sent 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017)

*"No comments were received from the Committee members on the draft document. However, during 2016/17, the Committee engaged with the Trust in particular about the merger proposals with NEP. Directors from SEPT provided an all members briefing in early October 2016 which was attended by 9 Councillors. A detailed update was also reported to the Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017."*

- 4.3 It should be noted that the documents are sent to us when there are no meetings scheduled and also submitted during the election period leading up to the General Election in June 2017. The Committee is asked to note the Quality Accounts received for comments and how these were dealt with.

## **5. Other matters**

- 5.1 Ambulance Trust – at the special Scrutiny Committee meeting in April representatives from health mentioned that the Ambulance Trust have offered the opportunity for members to visit the Operations Control Room. The arrangements for this are in hand and dates will be circulated soon. It was also agreed that the Ambulance Trust be invited to a future meeting of the Committee when the STP / Success Regime is considered.
- 5.2 Joint Committee - Complex Urological Cancer Surgery – the Committee has been involved in a Joint Committee with Essex to consider NHS England's proposal for the reconfiguration of complex urological cancer surgery in the county of Essex. The Joint Committee met in September 2016 and attended by Councillors Nevin and Boyd and the outcome reported to the Scrutiny Committee in October 2016 (Minute 356 refers).

The Joint Committee held a 'virtual' meeting in May 2017 to follow up the recommendations. A letter was sent to NHS England and this is attached at **Appendix 1** which the Committee is asked to note. An update on Recommendation 7, regarding future anticipated investment, has been requested and will be reported when it is received.

- 5.3 Children's Services Improvement Plan Scrutiny Panel – the Committee will recall that the Panel was established last year to help provide additional challenge to the implementation of the action plan, to be made up of Members of scrutiny and key members of the Improvement Board. The Panel has now met on 2 occasions and is due to meet again on 12<sup>th</sup> July. At the Council meeting in May, the following were appointed to the Panel – Councillors Nevin, Arscott, Boyd, Davies and Walker.

- 5.4 NHS Southend CCG Consultation - the CCG are considering undertaking a consultation on proposals to change their Service Restriction Policy with regard to 2 services - bariatric surgery; IVF. Further information will be shared with the Committee as soon as it is available.

## **6. Corporate Implications**

- 6.1 Contribution to Council's Vision and Critical Priorities – Becoming an excellent and high performing organisation.
- 6.2 Financial Implications – there are costs associated with organising in depth projects relating to officer time but this will all be contained within existing resources.
- 6.3 Legal Implications – none.
- 6.4 People Implications – none.
- 6.5 Property Implications – none.
- 6.6 Consultation – as described in report.
- 6.7 Equalities Impact Assessment – none.
- 6.8 Risk Assessment – none.

## **7. Background Papers**

- Email correspondence with Councillors and officer at Essex CC and emails from NHS England re urology update
- Email correspondence to Health Trusts regarding Quality Account submission

## **8. Appendix**

### **Appendix 1 – letter to NHS England re Urological cancer surgery**