

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda

Item No.

Report of Chief Executive to People Scrutiny Committee – special meeting

On 18th September 2017

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Mid and South Essex Sustainability and Transformation Plan A Part 1 Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

To update the Committee on Mid and South Essex Sustainability and Transformation Plan and scrutiny.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to note the current position with regard to the Joint Committee and officers continue discussions with Thurrock Council.
- 2.2 That authority be given to the principle of establishing a Joint Committee with Essex and that Thurrock Council be invited to join and that subject to any further comments from the Committee, the proposed terms of reference for the Joint Committee attached at **Appendix 2**, be agreed.
- 2.3 That the revised terms of reference and nominations to sit on the Joint Committee be considered at the October meeting of the Scrutiny Committee.
- 2.4 To also note the formation of the STP Joint Committee, as detailed in section 5 of the report.

3. Background

- 3.1 Over the last year, the Scrutiny Committee has received several presentations and updates with regard to the emerging mid and south Essex Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP).
- 3.2 At the special meeting of the Scrutiny Committee meeting on 6th April 2017 NHS England provided an update on the STP (Minute 929 refers). On 20th July 2017 I circulated an update report on the STP, which advised about the new development in the plans for emergency care and options for future hospital services in mid and south Essex. A copy of this is attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 3.3 Over recent months there have been discussions with colleagues at Essex and Thurrock Councils with regard to the possibility of forming a Joint Committee to scrutinise the implementation of the Mid and South Essex Sustainability & Transformation Plan (STP) Success Regime and how it would meet the needs of the local populations in Essex, Southend & Thurrock.

- 3.4 The Joint Committee would act as the mandatory Joint Committee in the event that an NHS body is required to consult on a substantial variation or development in service that could affect the patients in the 3 local authority areas.
- 3.5 The Joint Committee would consist of Members from all three authorities and consideration would need to be given to the political proportionality of those Members.
- 3.6 Southend is supportive of the need for joint working and clearly within the regulations there is a requirement to establish a Joint Committee for service reconfigurations that cut across more than one area – e.g. review of cancer services, and this has happened in the past. Possible terms of reference have been drafted and are attached at **Appendix 2**.

4. Current position

- 4.1 Thurrock Health & Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee held a meeting on 7th September 2017 and considered the issue of joint working¹. Thurrock has concerns over the creation of this Joint Committee and resolved that officers would explore the most appropriate way for the 3 authorities to co-ordinate their approach to the STP.
- 4.2 It is understood that the Essex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting scheduled for 11th October will focus on STP matters.
- 4.3 NHS England have been asked to provide an update on the STP (currently outstanding). When this is received a copy will be circulated to the Southend Scrutiny Committee Members.

5. Clinical Commissioning Groups in Mid and South Essex

- 5.1 Along side the developments detailed above, the Committee is asked to note that the five CCG's within Essex who form the mid and south Essex STP area have formed a STP Joint Committee. This is being formed under which will sit a management team (details being formalised). The STP Joint Committee (terms of reference attached at **Appendix 3** for information) will be a committee of each CCG with the purpose of overseeing and providing the appropriate governance for commissioning arrangements across the STP footprint. This will enable the CCG to commission services across the STP footprint 'once' to reduce red tape and the complexities of commissioning with five separate organisations and ensure the best quality and value for our patients. The following services are included within the STP:
- Acute services (NHS and independent sector) commissioning and contracting
 - Integrated Urgent Care services (including NHS 111) commissioning and contracting
 - Ambulance services commissioning and contracting
 - Patient Transport Services commissioning and contracting
 - Learning Disability decision making (within the existing pan-Essex arrangements);

¹ The papers for the meeting can be found on this [link](#) – see agenda item 11

- Mental Health services contracting and commissioning of Acute Mental Health services.

5.2 Overview of CCG functions - The CCG will maintain overall accountability and responsibility for the STP Joint Committee, although services will be commissioned once across the STP footprint.

5.3 Implications for scrutiny - There are no direct implications for the Committee and as such it should be seen to be business as usual in terms of how the Committee interacts with the CCG. Representatives from the Committee in line with the public in general can attend the STP Joint Committee public meetings should they so wish².

6. Corporate Implications

6.1 Contribution to Council's Vision and Critical Priorities – becoming an excellent organisation.

6.2 Financial Implications – There are no financial implications arising from the contents of this report. The cost of the Joint Committee work can be met from existing resources.

6.3 Legal Implications – the Scrutiny Committee exercises the health scrutiny function as set out in relevant legislation.

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 sent to Cttee – 20th July 2017

8. Appendix

Appendix 1 – stakeholder briefing – developing options

Appendix 2 – draft terms of reference for Joint Committee

Appendix 3 – CCG STP Joint Committee

² Click on link for further information on the [Mid and South Essex STP Joint Committee](#)