

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda
Item No.

Report of Chief Executive
to
People Scrutiny Committee

On 10th July 2018

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Scrutiny Committee - updates
A Part 1 Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

To update the Committee on a number of scrutiny matters.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the report and any actions taken be noted.
- 2.2 To note the terms of reference for the Joint Scrutiny Committee looking at the STP, as set out at **Appendix 1**.
- 2.3 That 2 Members from the Committee be appointed as substitute Members to the Joint Scrutiny Committee looking at the STP.
- 2.4 To agree to the establishment of a sub group to scrutinise the Primary Care Strategy for south east Essex and 5 Members of the Committee be appointed to the sub group.
- 2.5 That the report and recommendations from the in depth scrutiny project 'Connecting communities to avoid isolation' attached at **Appendix 2**, be agreed and the Chairman be authorised to agree any final amendments to the draft report and that in accordance with Scrutiny Procedure Rule 10 (Part 4 (e) of the Constitution), to agree that the Chairman of the Project Team present the report to a future Cabinet meeting.
- 2.6 That the Youth Council be invited to present the outcomes from the mental health survey to the next meeting of the Scrutiny Committee.

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 A Briefing Paper providing information specifically on health scrutiny and the health system locally has recently been sent to members of the Committee. Elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting is information on the range of work undertaken by the Scrutiny Committees during 2017/18.

4. Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Mid and South Essex Sustainability & Transformation Partnership (STP)

4.1 Further to the meeting in April 2018, the Committee will be aware that in accordance with relevant regulations a Joint Scrutiny Committee has been established comprising Members from Essex County Council, Thurrock Council and Southend Council¹. The terms of reference of the Joint Scrutiny Committee were approved in February 2018 and reported to the People Scrutiny Committee in April 2018 and are re attached for information at **Appendix 1**.

4.2 The purpose of the Joint Scrutiny Committee is to respond to the consultation document on acute reconfiguration - 'Your Care in the Best Place' - in Mid and South Essex and to monitor and scrutinise the work of the STP. The formal response to the public consultation by the Joint Scrutiny Committee was submitted on 22nd March 2018. The independent analysis of consultation feedback was published on 22nd May 2018. The full report can be found <http://www.nhsmidandsouthessex.co.uk/have-your-say/outcome-of-consultation/>

4.3 Southend is the lead authority for the Joint Scrutiny Committee, which is chaired by Councillor Arscott. The other Southend Members on the Committee are Councillors Nevin, Borton and Habermel. It is recommended that 2 Members from the People Scrutiny Committee are nominated as substitute Members on the Joint Scrutiny Committee. The meetings rotate across Southend, Chelmsford and Grays.

4.4 The most recent meeting of the Joint Scrutiny Committee was held on 6th June 2018. At this meeting the Joint Scrutiny Committee discussed the consultation responses. The key findings were that the 5 principles consulted upon were broadly supported, however there was some local variation - less general agreement with the proposals from residents within the Southend CCG area and less agreement from Thurrock residents on proposals to close Orsett Hospital once services had been transferred to centres closer to people's homes.

4.5 The CCG Joint Committee is due to meet on 6th July 2018 to reach final decisions. A verbal update from the meeting will be provided to Members. There will be post decision scrutiny by the Joint Scrutiny Committee and response to decisions. The next formal meeting will be held at the end of August.

¹ The papers for the formal meetings of the Joint Scrutiny Committee are available on each of the participating local authority websites

5. Primary Care Strategy for south east Essex

- 5.1 At the last meeting of the Committee it was agreed that the following item would be added to the Committees' work plan – primary care / GP provision in the Borough. Elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting the Committee will receive a short briefing from the CCG on the Primary Care Strategy for south east Essex.
- 5.2 In view of the importance of the issue, it is recommended that a sub group of 5 Members from the Committee is established to undertake scrutiny of the strategy. The terms of reference and the work plan etc. will be considered at its first meeting.
- 5.3 There are essentially 2 'layers' to the Primary Care Strategy – the STP wide Strategy and then the CCG plan to deliver the Strategy at a CCG / locality level, so the sub group would be focussing on the local delivery plan. The scrutiny of the STP level plan is being undertaken by the Joint Scrutiny Committee (see item 4 above) and also the Health & Wellbeing Board.

6. Connecting communities to avoid isolation

- 6.1 At the meeting on 11th July 2017, the People Scrutiny Committee agreed that its in depth project for 2017/18 would be on 'Connecting communities to avoid isolation' (Minute 170 refers).
- 6.2 The project plan was agreed by the project team in October 2017 and endorsed at the Scrutiny Committee on 10th October 2017 (Minute 374 refers). The project team has held 5 meetings in total, including a facilitated workshop session on 22nd November and an evidence gathering session on the afternoon of 12th January 2018.
- 6.3 The Scrutiny Committee received a detailed update at the meeting on 30th January 2018 (Minute 696 refers) and at the meeting on 10th April 2018, the Scrutiny Committee agreed that the project would be concluded early in the 18/19 Municipal Year (Minute 899 refers).
- 6.4 The final report from the in depth scrutiny review undertaken in 2017/18 is now attached at **Appendix 2**. The Scrutiny Committee is recommended to endorse the conclusions from the review, for approval by Cabinet.

7. Other matters

- 7.1 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. At the Council meeting in May, the following were appointed to the Panel – Councillors Nevin (Chair), Arscott, Chalk, Davidson and Walker. The Panel has now met on 7 occasions with the most recent meeting taking place on 13th June.
- 7.2 Re location of Carnarvon Medical Centre – on 6th June 2018 the CCG advised that the Carnarvon Medical Centre would be relocating to new premises within the North Road Primary Care centre, North Road on 9th July 2018. The Scrutiny

Committee members and Ward Councillors were advised about the change on the same day – see **Appendix 3**.

- 7.3 Youth Council – the Youth Council recently undertook a Mental Health School Survey of children & young people in Years 7 – 13. The Report is due to be published in September and will be launched at a ‘Skills for Life’ Conference. Schools and youth organisations will be encouraged to sign up to a Charter. It is recommended that the Youth Council will be invited to provide an overview of the survey and also the Charter at the next meeting of the Scrutiny Committee.
- 7.4 Healthwatch Southend Annual Report – the Annual Report 2017/18 has recently been circulated to the Scrutiny Committee. It is also available on the Healthwatch Southend website – www.healthwatchesouthend.co.uk
- 7.5 Draft Quality Report / Accounts 2017/18 - at the April meeting of the Committee members were advised about the arrangements for the receipt of the draft Quality Account from EPUT and Southend Hospital (Minute 899 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.

Submissions were sent to the Trusts as follows:-

Southend Hospital (sent 11th May 2018)

“The draft Quality Report / Account has been shared with the Chairman and members of the People Scrutiny Committee at Southend-on-Sea Borough Council, which is the health scrutiny committee. No comments were received. This should in no way be taken as a negative response. The Committee has, in the main, been content with the engagement of local healthcare providers in its work over the past year.”

EPUT (sent 17th May 2018)

“The draft Quality Report / Account has been shared with the Chairman and members of the People Scrutiny Committee at Southend-on-Sea Borough Council, which is the health scrutiny committee. No comments were received. This should in no way be taken as a negative response.

The Committee has, in the main, been content with the engagement of local healthcare providers in its work over the past year. In particular the Committee welcomed the member briefing given earlier in the year about the new clinical model for local mental health services and also the Trusts involvement in the scrutiny investigation into connecting communities.”

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 local elections in early May 2018. The Committee is asked to note the Quality Accounts received for comments and how these were dealt with.

8. Corporate Implications

- 8.1 Contribution to Council’s Vision and Critical Priorities – Becoming an excellent and high performing organisation.

- 8.2 Financial Implications – there are no financial implications arising from the contents of the report. The cost of any Joint Scrutiny Cttee work can be met from existing resources.
- 8.3 Legal Implications – the Scrutiny Committee exercises the health scrutiny function as set out in relevant legislation. Where an NHS body consults more than one local authority on a proposal for substantial development of the health service or a substantial variation in the provision of such a service, those authorities are required to appoint a Joint Scrutiny Committee for the purposes of the consultation. Only that joint committee may - make comments on the proposal to the NHS body; require the provision of information about the proposal; require an officer of the NHS body to attend before it to answer questions in connection with the STP proposals.
- 8.4 People Implications – none.
- 8.5 Property Implications – none.
- 8.6 Consultation – as described in report.
- 8.7 Equality Analysis– none.
- 8.8 Risk Assessment – none.

9. Background Papers

- Email circulating Health Briefing
- Notes from project team meetings
- Email correspondence regarding relocation of Carnarvon Medical Centre
- Email circulating Healthwatch Southend Annual Report
- Email correspondence to Health Trusts regarding Quality Account submission

10. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Terms of Reference of Joint Scrutiny Committee

Appendix 2 – in depth scrutiny project – draft report

Appendix 3 – CCG notification regarding Carnarvon Medical Centre