

# Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda  
Item No.

Report of Corporate Director for Corporate Services

to

People Scrutiny Committee

8<sup>th</sup> April 2014

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**Chairman's update**

***A Part 1 Agenda Item***

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## 1. Purpose of Report

To update the Committee on a few scrutiny matters, as follows:

- Essex Stroke review;
- Update on request from January meeting re pupil premium;
- Care Quality Commission;
- Quality Accounts; and
- East of England Regional event.

## 2. Recommendation

2.1 That the report and any actions taken be noted.

## 3. Updates

3.1 Essex Stroke Review – attached at **Appendix 1** is a statement of current position for members on this matter.

3.2 Use of the pupil premium – at the meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2014 (Minute 709 refers), the Council's Head of Learning was asked to bring a report to Scrutiny on the use of the pupil premium in Southend schools. The Committee is asked to note that the report will be brought to the next scheduled meeting of the Committee.

3.3 Care Quality Commission – the Care Quality Commission (CQC) has announced its inspection programme for April – June 2014/15. Further information on the programme is attached at **Appendix 2**.

The Committee is also reminded that there is a further Member briefing session on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at which the CQC have been invited to discuss their inspection plans etc.

3.4 Quality Accounts 2013/14 – the Quality Accounts from Health Trusts in the area will be circulated in the coming few weeks. It is suggested that in view of the timescales for formally responding, the organisations be advised that the Scrutiny Committee will not be making a formal response.

- 3.5 East of England Regional health scrutiny event – at the meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2014 (Minute 709 refers), it was agreed that the Chairman and Councillor Anne Jones would attend the regional event on 24<sup>th</sup> February. The event was held in Chelmsford and was facilitated by the Centre for Public Scrutiny. Members and officers from 8 of the upper tier / social services authorities in the region attended.

Councillor Kaye received an invitation to attend the Essex HOSC away day held in early March. There was an introductory session from Andrew Pike, NHS England Area Director on the new health landscape and current and emerging issues, followed by presentations from the 5 'Essex' CCG's on the challenges and issues facing them.

#### **4. Corporate Implications**

- 4.1 Contribution to Council's Vision and Critical Priorities – Becoming an excellent and high performing organisation.
- 4.2 Financial Implications - there are nominal costs involved in operating any in-depth scrutiny project, which can be met from the Council's scrutiny budget. The Pupil Premium grant received for Looked after Children will be directly allocated to schools as required by need.
- 4.3 Legal Implications – none.
- 4.4 People Implications – none.
- 4.5 Property Implications – none.
- 4.6 Consultation – as described in report.
- 4.7 Equalities Impact Assessment – none.
- 4.8 Risk Assessment – none.

#### **5. Background Papers**

Papers for the regional health scrutiny event on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2014

#### **6. Appendices**

- Appendix 1**    **Essex Stroke Review**  
**Appendix 2**    **CQC inspection programme**