

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda
Item No.

Report of Corporate Director for Corporate Services

to

People Scrutiny Committee

2nd December 2014

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Scrutiny Committee updates

A Part 1 Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

To update the Committee on some scrutiny matters, as follows:

- NHS England Five Year Forward View;
- GP surgery in Leigh;
- Information from Healthwatch Southend;
- Task & Finish Group;
- Date of January Cttee meeting; and
- In depth scrutiny project.

2. Recommendation

That the report and any actions taken be noted.

3. Issues

- 3.1 NHS England Five Year Forward View - NHS England has published a Five Year Forward View. An extract of the full report, comprising the Executive Summary, is attached as at **Appendix 1** to this report. The full report has been emailed to Scrutiny Committee members.
- 3.2 GP surgery in Leigh – ward Councillors have been advised that NHS England has recently begun the process of reprocurng the GP service for the patients registered at Dr Kongar’s Surgery in Leigh-on-Sea. This is a single-handed GP practice with about 900 patients registered. Patients have been advised about the situation and NHS England is undertaking a managed dispersal of the patient list to other local practices. At the time of writing, the practice is expected to close at the end of November.
- 3.3 GP health checks for people with learning disabilities in Southend – in October, Healthwatch Southend published a report from their July event about GP health checks for people with learning disabilities in Southend. The report has been emailed to Scrutiny Committee members and is attached at **Appendix 2**.
- 3.4 Complaints handling in the health service in Essex– at the last meeting of the Committee, Councillor Crystall was nominated to sit on the Task & Finish Group

set up by Essex CC (Minute 291 refers). Since then, 2 meetings of the Group have taken place and it is anticipated that the study will be completed in early 2015.

- 3.5 January 2015 meeting – as advised in July, the Committee is reminded that the next meeting of the Scrutiny Committee will now be held on Wednesday 28th January 2015. (The original meeting date of 27th January is National Holocaust Memorial Day and the plans this time are to hold the local commemoration service on the same day).

4. In depth scrutiny project

- 4.1 At the meeting on the 14th October 2014 the Committee agreed the project plan for the in depth scrutiny project – ‘How the Council assists and excites individuals and community groups to achieve healthier lifestyles’ (Minute 291 refers). The project team met on 10th November to finalise arrangements for the review.
- 4.2 The main evidence gathering session will take place on Friday 6th February 2015. Further details will be provided in due course.

5. Corporate Implications

- 5.1 Contribution to Council’s Vision and Critical Priorities – Becoming an excellent and high performing organisation.
- 5.2 Financial Implications – none.
- 5.3 Legal Implications – none.
- 5.4 People Implications – none.
- 5.5 Property Implications – none.
- 5.6 Consultation – as described in report.
- 5.7 Equalities Impact Assessment – none.
- 5.8 Risk Assessment – none.

6. Background Papers

- Email to all councillors re January 2015 meeting date change – 17th July 2014
- Email to ward Councillors regarding GP practice in Leigh-on-Sea – 22nd October 2014
- Email to scrutiny cttee members re Healthwatch Southend info on GP health checks for people with LD event report – 24th October 2014
- Email to scrutiny cttee members regarding NHS England Five Year Plan – 30th October 2014

7. Appendices

Appendix 1 – NHS England 5 Year Plan – extract

Appendix 2 – Healthwatch Southend report