

COMMUNITY SERVICES & CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Work programme 2012/2013 - evaluation

During the 2012/13 Municipal Year, the **Community Services & Culture Scrutiny Committee** held **8** meetings and met on the following dates – 10th July 2012, 18th September 2012, 17th October 2012, 27th November 2012, 23rd January 2013 (special), 29th January 2013, 6th February 2013 (special) and 9th April 2013.

Members undertook the following scrutiny work:-

Call-ins/ references from Cabinet – the Scrutiny Committee considered **7 call-in items** from Cabinet. No items were called in from the Forward Plan. All budget items were **referred direct** to the Scrutiny Committee and considered at the meeting on 29th January 2013 (6 items).

Pre Cabinet items – the Scrutiny Committee considered **17** pre Cabinet items:

- Review of Southend Library Service; residential care for elderly; leisure and sports strategy - 10th July 2012;
- Local account of adult social care 2011/12; Vulnerable Adults Board – 18th September 2012;
- Housing Stock & ALMO – 17th October 2012;
- Draft Health & Wellbeing strategy; MPR health snapshot; strategic tenancy strategy; art of the hoardings; Trust Links project at Elm Road; possible new affordable housing development site; Saxon Lodge & Spencer House - 27th November 2012
- Stat homelessness policy; draft allocations policy; Southend Athletics clubhouse - 29th January 2013
- Potential development sites on HRA land - 9th April 2013

Scheduled items - each meeting as appropriate:

- Questions from members of the public – the Executive Councillor for Adult Social Care, Health & Housing responded to a written questions from a member of the public concerning (a) housing - in September 2012, November 2012 and April 2013; (b) Terrence Higgins Trust - in April 2013.
- Monthly Performance reports – Exception Reports also considered;
- Scrutiny Committee work plan;
- Received Minutes from the Chairmen's Scrutiny Forum held on 29th March 2012 (reported to July mtg); 8th October 2012 (reported to November mtg); 11th February 2013 (reported to April mtg).

In-depth scrutiny projects:

Current project - *Housing – how we plan to meet the growing demand for social rented housing in the current poor national economic climate* – topic agreed at meeting on 10th July 2012 (Minute 118 refers). The full Committee received an update on progress in this project at the meeting in November 2012 (Minute 514 (c) refers) and April 2013. The project is Chaired by Councillor David Norman. Witness sessions held and project is due to make final report to July scrutiny committee meeting.

Previous projects:

'carers need care too'; end of life care for adults' – progress updates on these 2 previous in depth scrutiny projects will be circulated in due course.

Agenda items considered:

- 10th July 2012 meeting - (a) South Essex Homes - overview / update, key challenges, performance, Mike Gatrell, Chief Executive and Ian Ambrose, SBC; (b) health scrutiny briefing paper – training also provided to committee members prior to meeting.
- 18th September 2012 meeting - (a) Health Transition update from Andrew Pike, Chief Executive, NHS South Essex; (b) Southend Clinical Commissioning Group – commissioning process, James Roach and Yvonne Campen, CCG; (c) Southend Healthwatch, Michelle Hill, SBC; (d) Globe Surgery – further update, Ian Stidston, NHS South Essex.
- 27th November 2012 meeting - (a) Southend Healthwatch, Michelle Hill, SBC.
- 23rd January 2013 meeting – (a) presentation from Jacqueline Totterdell, Chief Executive, Southend University Hospital; (b) draft South Essex Joint mental Health Strategy, Mike Boyle, SBC; (c) Southend Clinical Commissioning Group – commissioning plan, James Roach and Yvonne Campen, CCG
- 29th January 2013 meeting – (a) update on the Essex Cardiac and stroke network, stroke review;

(b) Globe Surgery – further update, Ian Stidston, NHS South Essex; (c) brief update on the reconfiguration of vascular surgery services.

- 6th February 2013 meeting – discussed the proposed changes to local pathology services – Dr Paul Husselbee, Southend CCG.
- 9th April 2013 meeting – (a) further update on review of learning disability services; (b) Terrence Higgins Trust – update on satellite service; (c) further update on proposed changes to local pathology services.

Chairman's update Report:

- 10th July 2012 meeting – (a) welcomed the proposals for elective and emergency vascular surgery and proposed response to consultation; (b) noted the review of mental health rehabilitation proposals and the south Essex mental health services; (c) noted the updates on dental sedation services and end of life care; (d) noted the update on NHS 111 service, the Committee 'acronym' list, response to Quality Accounts and the health profile; (e) noted the work programme review of 2011 /12 and items planned for 2012 /13.

Items discussed at the Regional Chairs Forum (and not referred to above) as follows – (a) update on Ambulance Trust; (b) Care Quality Commission (CQC); (c) Update on Teenage & Young Adult Cancer services; (d) Adult Congenital Heart Disease – national review; (e) review of children's congenital heart services; Healthy Accountability Forum.

- 18th September 2012 meeting – (a) elective and emergency vascular surgery - noted the decision on the preferred network deferred; (b) update on Ambulance Service; (c) noted the response to LA health scrutiny consultation.
- 27th November 2012 meeting – (a) received notes from Essex HOSC away day; (b) noted new CfPS guide on healthwatch, health & wellbeing boards and health scrutiny; (c) update from CCG on the musculoskeletal hub project.

Items discussed at the Regional Chairs Forum (and not referred to above) as follows – (a) update on the stroke review; (b) Healthy Accountability Forum.

- 9th April 2013 meeting – (a) Globe surgery; (b) update on NHS 111 service (c) LINKs and Southend Healthwatch; (d) new health scrutiny regulations.

Items discussed at the Regional Chairs Forum (and not referred to above) as follows – (a) future of Forum; (b) Stroke review; (c) Vascular services.

Other items brought to the attention of the Scrutiny Committee:

- Update on 111 – October 2012
- Position re Shoebury House and Westcliff Primary Care Centres – January, February 2013;
- Update *health scrutiny briefing* paper, circulated January 2013;
- South Essex Joint Mental Health Strategy – circulated Feb 2013
- Updated the Committee on Stroke services review, vascular review, changes to local pathology services throughout year.
- Task and Finish Group - Priory and Delaware

Items to be included in next years work plan:

- Introduction to health scrutiny;
- Review of 2012 / 13 work plan;
- Updated Drug & Alcohol Strategy
- Update on MSK project (CCG)
- SEPT - remodel in patient services – later in year 2013
- South Essex Joint Mental Health Strategy – further report at conclusion of consultation (minute 688 meeting held 23rd January 2013 refers)
- Essex Air Ambulance service