

## PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

### Work programme 2013/2014 - evaluation

During the 2013/14 Municipal Year, the **People Scrutiny Committee** held **7** meetings and met on the following dates – 9<sup>th</sup> July 2013, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2013 (special), 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2013 (special), 26<sup>th</sup> November 2013, (special), 28<sup>th</sup> January 2014 and 8<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

Members undertook the following scrutiny work:-

Call-ins/ references from Cabinet – the Scrutiny Committee considered **22 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 28<sup>th</sup> January 2014 (**4 items**).

Pre Cabinet items – the Scrutiny Committee considered **13** pre Cabinet items:

- 9<sup>th</sup> July 2013 - Charging for Adult Social Care.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2013 - Children's Centre Provision.
- 10<sup>th</sup> October 2013 – (a) Southend Skills Strategy – considered by all 3 scrutiny Committees; (b) Local Account of Adult Social Care Services in Southend; (c) The Care Bill & Caring for our Future consultation; (d) The 2013 Annual Report of the Director of Public Health.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2013 – (a) Residential Care for the Elderly in Southend – outcome of Delaware / Priory consultation; (b) Joint Commissioning Strategy – Adult Carers; (c) Services for People with Physical Disability and/or Sensory Impairment.
- 26<sup>th</sup> November 2013 - Provision of Primary Places.
- 28<sup>th</sup> January 2014 – (a) Vulnerable Adults Board Annual Report 2012/13; (b) Annual Report on the implementation of SEN Strategy; (c) Outcome of the formal consultation on the proposals for the future provision of in house day services for people with learning disabilities.

Scheduled items - each meeting as appropriate:

- Monthly Performance report – exceptions reports also considered.
- Minutes of the meetings of the Chairmen's Scrutiny Forum held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2013 (reported to October meeting) and 20<sup>th</sup> January 2014 (reported to January 2014 meeting) *see note below*.
- Questions from members of the public – the Executive Councillor for Adult Social Care, Health & Housing responded to written questions from members of the public concerning Priory House & Delaware House (a) twelve at meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2013; (b) six at meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2013.
- Scrutiny Committee work plan.

In-depth scrutiny projects:

- ◆ In depth scrutiny report – *Maximising Opportunities for Looked After Children So They Do Not Become NEET Statistics* – Final report agreed at meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2013 (Minute 143 refers).
- ◆ In depth scrutiny project – *Southend primary school's falling grammar school entry figures* – topic agreed at meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2013 (Minute 145 refers). Project plan agreed at meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013 (Minute 350 refers). Final report agreed at meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2014 (Minute 941 refers).

Agenda items considered:

- 9<sup>th</sup> July 2013 – (a) changes to local pathology services, Dr P Husselbee & M Craig, Southend CCG; (b) Schools Progress Report.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2013 – (a) Development of Stroke Services in Essex; (b) presentation on Southend Hospital Stroke Unit, Dr Guylor & Mr Brown, Southend Hospital.
- 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013 – (a) School Organisation Data; (b) Success for All Group Annual Report.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2013 - (a) consultation on the futures of Priory House & Delaware House – request from Council; (b) Early Years & School Standards & Schools progress.
- 26<sup>th</sup> November 2013 – (a) Southend Education Trust - Item requested by Cllr Morgan, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 35.1 (d); (b) Schools Progress Report.
- 8<sup>th</sup> April 2014 – (a) Free School meals update; (b) Selective School places 2014; (c) Schools Progress Report.

## Chairman's update Report:

- 9<sup>th</sup> July 2013 meeting – (a) information on remit of cttee and health scrutiny; (b) draft working protocols; (c) information on regional workshops; (d) response to SEPT and Southend Hospital Quality Accounts; (e) joint working with Essex and Thurrock Scrutiny cttees; (f) information on building works at GP surgery at 335 Eastwood Road North.
- 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013 meeting – (a) information from Care Quality Commission; (b) direct access to pathology services; (c) update on vascular surgery review; (d) information on cystic fibrosis service.
- 26<sup>th</sup> November 2013 meeting – (a) information about super pupil premium; (b) information on urgent emergency care review; (c) update on in depth scrutiny project.
- 28<sup>th</sup> January 2014 meeting – (a) update on pupil premium grant; (b) Schools Progress; (c) update on St Lukes GP led health centre; (d) details on member briefing; (e) update on in depth scrutiny project.
- 8<sup>th</sup> April 2014 meeting – (a) Essex Stroke review; (b) use of pupil premium; (c) inspection programme for CQC; (d) planned approach for Quality Accounts; (e) update on 2 regional events.

## Member presentations - see note below:

- a. Sexual Health (23<sup>rd</sup> July 2013).
- b. Hospital Trust and SEPT (17<sup>th</sup> December 2013).
- c. Hospital Trust – palliative care & Terrence Higgins Trust (13<sup>th</sup> January 2014).
- d. CQC – to be re arranged.

## Items to be included in next years work plan:

- Introduction to health scrutiny.
- Review of 2014 / 15 work plan.
- Review of protocols - Southend Healthwatch; Southend CCG
- SEPT remodeling of in patient services (at some stage)
- Stroke services review
- East of England Ambulance service
- Southend Hospital

## **Member briefing sessions**

*At the Chairmen's Scrutiny Forum meeting in January, Members discussed the format of member briefing sessions / presentation. The Forum resolved that copies of any handouts / presentation slides from Member briefings / presentations should be placed centrally on the Council's intranet so they can be easily accessible to all Members.*

*There is now a dedicated page on the intranet and the link to follow is <http://pegasus/support/Pages/default.aspx> Click on 'Handouts from Briefings' in the dropdown list on the page.*