

**SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**People Scrutiny Committee**

**Date: Tuesday, 7th July, 2020**

**Time: 6.30 pm**

**Place: Virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams**

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**AGENDA**

- 1 Apologies for Absence**
- 2 Declarations of Interest**
- 3 Questions from Members of the Public**
- 4 Minutes of Meetings Held on 20 & 29 January 2020 (Pages 1 - 10)**
- 5 Annual Education Report (Pages 11 - 16)**

Minute 869 (Cabinet Book 2, Agenda Item No. 16 refers)  
Called in by Councillors Cox & Davidson

- 6 East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust - Shoeburyness Ambulance Station (Pages 17 - 18)**

To note the attached update on the progress of the modelling review currently being undertaken by the East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust, that was originally intended to be made to the Committee at its meeting on 17 March 2020.

The Trust has recently advised that slippage in the modelling exercise has occurred since March as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has moved the timescale for the preparation of the draft report to the end of July 2020 and the finalised report to August 2020.

The Trust has also advised that during the period of the pandemic, it has continued to maintain the level of resources described in the attached progress report of March 2020, as a minimum for supporting local residents. As part of its COVID-19 response, the Trust has also increased the amount of ambulance hours in Essex (along with the whole Trust area), which has seen an improvement in responses to patients.

- 7 Changes to Clinical Commissioning Groups in Mid & South-Essex (Pages 19 - 34)**

To note the attached update on the progress of the merger of the Clinical Commissioning Groups, that was originally intended to be made to the Committee at its meeting on 17 March 2020.

Mid and South Essex Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) has recently advised that NHS England has paused all work on the merger of CCGs, following [guidance](#) issued on 28 March 2020 aimed at reducing burdens and releasing NHS capacity during the COVID-19 pandemic. Further work on the merger within the CCGs is therefore currently in abeyance. The Merger Project Board (CCG Chairs, Accountable Officer and CCG Lay Members) has not met since March and all CCG staff working on the merger have been re-deployed to other tasks.

The engagement survey with member of the public closed just after lockdown and a number of scheduled public meetings were cancelled as a result of the social distancing guidelines. Mid and South Essex Clinical Commissioning Groups have not yet been able to analyse the results of the survey as priorities for the Communications and Engagement Teams shifted to help with incident management. Depending on NHS England guidance regarding the re-starting of merger work, it is hoped to be able to provide an analysis and use the results as soon as possible.

The update intended to be made to the Committee in March 2020 advised on the position of the Joint Accountable Officer. Mid and South Essex Clinical Commissioning Groups has confirmed that the recruitment process to appoint a substantive Joint Accountable Officer across all five mid and south Essex CCGs and the executive lead of the Integrated Care System has re-started and that an update on progress in will be provided due course.

A briefing for the relevant Scrutiny Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Southend Borough Council, Thurrock Borough Council and Essex County Council was held with Clare Panniker (Joint Chief Executive of Basildon and Thurrock University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Mid Essex Hospital Services NHS Trust and Southend University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust) and Anthony McKeever (Interim Joint Accountable Officer for Mid and South Essex CCGs) in early July 2020.

## **8 In-Depth Scrutiny Projects & Summary of Work 2019/20** (Pages 35 - 48)

Report of Executive Director (Legal and Democratic Services) attached.

### **TO: The Chairman & Members of the People Scrutiny Committee:**

Councillor L Salter (Chair), Councillor N Folkard (Vice-Chair)  
Councillors H Boyd, M Borton, A Chalk, A Dear, M Dent, F Evans, D Garne, B Hooper, M Kelly, K Mitchell, C Nevin, I Shead, M Stafford, A Thompson, C Willis

#### Co-opted members

#### Church of England Diocese

Fr Jonathan Collis (Voting on Education matters only)

Roman Catholic Diocese

VACANT (Voting on Education matters only)

Parent Governors

(i) VACANT (Voting on Education matters only)

(ii) VACANT (Voting on Education matters only)

Southend Association of Voluntary Services

K Jackson (Non-Voting)

Healthwatch Southend

O Richards (Non-Voting)

Southend Carers Forum

T Watts (Non-Voting)

Observers

E Vlas, M Faulkner-Hatt (Southend Youth Council)