

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of People Scrutiny Committee

Date: Thursday, 6th April, 2017

Place: Committee Room 1 - Civic Suite

Present: Councillor J Moyies (Chair)
Councillors C Nevin (Vice-Chair), M Borton, H Boyd, S Buckley,
C Endersby, A Jones, D McGlone, C Mulroney, G Phillips, M Stafford
and C Walker
L Crabb (co-opted member)

In Attendance: Councillors Salter (Executive Councillor)
Councillors McDonald and Ware-Lane
F Abbott, J Lansley and Dr Atherton
E Feddon and N Ahmed – Youth Council observers

Start/End Time: 6.00 - 9.15 pm

926 Apologies for Absence

At the start of the meeting the Chairman announced the sad news that Councillor Mike Assenheim had passed away very suddenly and that his funeral had been held earlier in the day.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Arscott, Butler, D Garston and Habermel (no substitutes), Ms E Lusty, Ms A Semmence and Mr M Rickett (co-opted members).

The Chairman welcomed the new Youth Mayor, Edward Feddon and Nadia Ahmed, Deputy Youth Mayor, to the meeting.

927 Declarations of Interest

The following interests were declared at the meeting:-

- (a) Councillor Salter - agenda item relating to Success Regime – non-pecuniary interest – husband is Consultant Surgeon at Southend Hospital and holds senior posts at the Hospital; son-in-law is GP; daughter is a doctor at Broomfield Hospital;
- (b) Councillor Nevin - agenda item relating to Success Regime - non-pecuniary – 2 children work at MEHT; step sister works at Basildon Hospital; previous association at Southend and MEHT Hospitals; NHS employee in Trust outside area.

928 Questions from Members of the Public

There were no questions received from members of the public.

929 Mid and South Essex Sustainability and Transformation Plan and Success Regime

Further to Minute 574 from the special meeting held on 20th December 2016, the Chairman welcomed the following health representatives to the meeting for this item:-

- Dr Celia Skinner – Group Medical Director for Basildon, Broomfield and Southend Hospitals
- Ian Stidston – Accountable Officer, Castle Point and Rochford and Southend CCGs
- Dr Anita Donley – Independent Chair, Mid and South Essex Success Regime
- Wendy Smith - Communications Adviser to Mid and South Essex Success Regime

Yvonne Blucher, Managing Director Southend University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust was also present for the item.

The Committee considered a report from the Programme Director, Mid and South Essex Success Regime which provided an update on the progress of the Success Regime (SR) and Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) and also received a detailed update presentation on a number of issues / developments, including:

- Current system fragmented, over reliant on hospitals which is unaffordable
- Southend localities overview
- Building capacity in local services
- Complex care initiative
- Broomfield, Southend, Basildon Hospitals and rationale for change – no change for existing centres of excellence and majority stays local. A&E will continue at all 3 sites for the majority of patients (and will be front door 24/7 for every walk in patient)
- Outlined possible options & current thinking - Option 2A – Southend be cancer centre, local emergency centre, centre for planned care - Option 1A – Southend be cancer care, emergency centre elective surgery
- Both options will go to pre consultation business case, to be signed off by CCG Trust Boards and public consultation later in year (October)
- Continuing engagement with local people

This was followed by Q&A from the members of the Committee, covering a number of issues:

- (a) Localities / primary care developments
- (b) Hospital services and reconfiguration
- (c) A&E & options
- (d) General issues on overall plan, data sharing, transport, recruitment, workforce, role of voluntary sector

In summary, the Chairman said that health must be clearer in their communications and need to be more precise in language and about what they are describing. There has to be clarity on governance and responsibility for delivery and outcomes; residents need to have a very clear and truthful account of what changes are actually proposed for A&E at Southend hospital. Members

need to see the clinical evidence that is underpinning the proposals and models and need to see a clear plan for patient data sharing and clarity of who is responsible for delivering the data plan for this area and when.

The Committee welcomed the suggestion for further meetings going forward and also for the Ambulance Trust to be invited to future meetings. The Ambulance Trust have also offered the opportunity for members to visit the Operations Control Room.

Resolved:

1. That the representatives be thanked for the informative presentation and update.
2. That the Ambulance Trust be invited to a future meeting of the Committee when the STP / Success Regime is considered.
3. That a meeting of the Committee be arranged for early in the next Municipal Year to consider the pre consultation business case.

Note:- This is a Scrutiny Function.

930 Southend University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

Chairman: _____