

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda
Item No.

**Report of Chief Executive
to
People Scrutiny Committee
On 10th October 2017**

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**Scrutiny Committee - updates
A Part 1 Agenda Item**

1. Purpose of Report

To update the Committee on a number of scrutiny matters.

2. Recommendation

That the report and any actions taken be noted.

3. East of England Ambulance Service

3.1 At the special Scrutiny Committee meeting in April representatives from health mentioned that the Ambulance Trust have offered the opportunity for members to visit the Operations Control Room at Broomfield, Chelmsford. It was also agreed that the Ambulance Trust be invited to a future meeting of the Committee when the STP / Success Regime is considered.

3.2 The visit took place on 7th September and 7 councillors and one of the co-opted members attended. The visit was hosted by Gary Baines, Sector Head of Service development, A&E Operations Mid and South Essex.

3.3 In July NHS England announced 'a new way of working for ambulance services'. A copy of the press release is attached at **Appendix 1**. The changes will be implemented in mid-October.

3.4 As the changes represent a significant change to the current system the Trust have been invited to the special meeting of the Committee which has been arranged for the evening of Wednesday 18th October 2017 to provide a presentation briefing on the developments and changes.

3.5 The other item of business on the agenda for the special meeting will be on the Mid and South Essex Sustainability and Transformation Partnership and also to seek approval to the establishment of a Joint Scrutiny Committee. Representatives from NHS England will also be attending the meeting.

4 Connecting communities to avoid isolation

4.1 At the meeting on the 11th July 2017, the Committee agreed that its in depth project for the current municipal year would be on the following topic – 'Connecting communities to avoid isolation' (Minute 170 refers).

- 4.2 The project team has held 1 meeting so far and the first evidence gathering session will be held on 16th October 2017. The Committee is asked to note the project plan attached at **Appendix 2**.

5. Other matters

- 5.1 IVF consultation – further to the special meeting on 18th September, NHS Southend CCG have advised that they have continued to publicise our IVF consultation and in the week following the meeting, had an additional 100+ responses to the survey. A further workshop was also planned for 5th October. The CCG will keep promoting the consultation to the end of October when it concludes.
- 5.2 Joint Committee - Complex Urological Cancer Surgery – last year the Committee was involved in a Joint Committee with Essex to consider NHS England's proposal for the reconfiguration of complex urological cancer surgery in the county of Essex. The Joint Committee met in September 2016 and attended by Councillors Nevin and Boyd and the outcome reported to the Scrutiny Committee in October 2016 (Minute 356 refers).

The Joint Committee held a 'virtual' meeting in May 2017 to follow up the recommendations. A letter was sent to NHS England and this is attached at **Appendix 3**. An update on Recommendation 7, regarding future anticipated investment, has been requested again and will be reported when it is received.

- 5.3 St Luke's and Shoebury Primary Care Developments – an update on both developments is attached at **Appendix 4** which the Committee is asked to note.
- 5.4 EPUT – the Committee will be aware that North Essex Partnership Trust and South Essex Partnership Trust merged to form the Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (EPUT) earlier in the year.

The Chairman was contacted by EPUT offering to meet to discuss the new clinical model for mental health services across the county. A briefing will be organised for members (date to be agreed) so the Trust can provide a detailed update on the changes.

6. Corporate Implications

- 6.1 Contribution to Council's Vision and Critical Priorities – Becoming an excellent and high performing organisation.
- 6.2 Financial Implications – there are costs associated with organising in depth projects relating to officer time but this will all be contained within existing resources.
- 6.3 Legal Implications – none.
- 6.4 People Implications – none.
- 6.5 Property Implications – none.
- 6.6 Consultation – as described in report.
- 6.7 Equalities Impact Assessment – none.
- 6.8 Risk Assessment – none.

7. Background Papers

Email correspondence with members regarding arrangements for special meeting, urology update, in depth scrutiny project.

8. Appendices

Appendix 1 – press release EEAST

Appendix 2 – project plan

Appendix 3 – letter to NHS England

Appendix 4 – update from NHS Southend CCG