

# Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

**Agenda**

Item No.

**Report of Chief Executive  
to  
People Scrutiny Committee**

**On 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

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

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**1. Purpose of Report**

To update the Committee on a number of scrutiny matters.

**2. Recommendations**

That the report and actions taken be noted.

**3. IVF consultation**

3.1 At the special Scrutiny Committee meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017, representatives from NHS Southend CCG presented the public consultation on In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF) in Southend (Minute 302 refers). A copy of the relevant Minute is attached at **Appendix 1**.

3.2 The consultation was due to end on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2017 and following comments made at the meeting, the CCG extended the closing date of the consultation by 2 weeks, to 9<sup>th</sup> November to allow for more time for more responses.

3.3 Following the extension of the consultation the CCG increased responses by 70% between the meeting and the close of consultation. The CCG have advised that a feedback report will be sent to the CCG Governing Body meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> December and a copy of the report will be shared with the Committee when available.

**4 South & Mid Essex Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP)**

4.1 At the special Scrutiny Committee meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017 the Committee received an update on the STP and considered the role of Scrutiny Committee going forward (Minute 388 refers). A copy of the relevant Minute is attached at **Appendix 2**.

4.2 A copy of the draft consultation document was shared with Councillors on the Scrutiny Committee on 10<sup>th</sup> November for views on whether the document was clear, understandable and accessible for local people. Feedback was forwarded to NHS England by the deadline of 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

- 4.3 Health are planning to start consultation at the end of this month, subject to approval of the CCG Joint Committee.
- 4.4 The following Councillors have been appointed to sit on the Joint Scrutiny Committee to scrutinise the implementation of the Mid and South Essex STP with Essex and Thurrock Councils – Councillors C Nevin, A Jones, B Arscott, S Habermel (substitutes - Councillors M Borton and H Boyd). An informal meeting of the Joint Scrutiny Committee has been arranged for 18<sup>th</sup> December which will be held at Southend Council offices and will be Chaired by Cllr Nevin. It is likely that the first formal meeting of the Joint Scrutiny Committee will be held in late January / early February 2018.
- 4.5 Essex County Council have appointed members to sit on the Joint Scrutiny Committee. Thurrock Council have not as yet decided if they will be involved in the Joint Scrutiny Committee.

## 5. Other matters

- 5.1 St Luke's Primary Care Development – at the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017 I was asked to approach the CCG for further details about the membership of the stakeholder group (Minute 374 refers). This information was circulated to the Committee on 15<sup>th</sup> November.
- 5.2 Alternative provision scrutiny review - update – the scrutiny review was undertaken in the 2016/17 Municipal Year and agreed by Cabinet at its meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017 (Minute 64 refers)<sup>1</sup>.
- 5.3 The Director of Learning has provided a brief update, as follows:-
- The report has been shared with the Education Board.
  - Has had discussions with the former and the new Regional Schools Commissioner (RSC) regarding the broader inclusion context of Southend and shared exclusion data with her team. They were particularly interested in the high exclusion rates in some secondary academies. (As academies however, the intervention will come from the RSC rather than the Council).
  - There is also a health initiative just emerging about transforming early help (under 5s) for learning who potentially have behavioural or mental health issues.
- 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.
- 5.5 As advised at the Committee meeting in October, the Chairman was contacted by EPUT offering to meet to discuss the new clinical model for mental health services across the county. A briefing has now been arranged for members on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017 so the Trust can provide a detailed update on the changes.
- 5.6 Connecting communities scrutiny review – update - the project team has now held a further meeting and a workshop session will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November. This next evidence gathering session will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

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<sup>1</sup> A copy of the review can be found on the internet [www.southend.gov.uk](http://www.southend.gov.uk) - link to the report [Alternative provision scrutiny](#)

## **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**

- IVF consultation update - email to Committee members – 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017
- STP - note to Scrutiny Committee Members – 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017
- St Luke's information – email to Committee members – 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017
- EPUT briefing – email to Councillors – 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017

## **8. Appendix**

- Appendix 1 – Minute 302 – People Scrutiny Committee 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017**
- Appendix 2 – Minute 388 – People Scrutiny Committee 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017**