

Summary Report to Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee 31st January 2018

At the Council meeting in May 2015, Council agreed to make it a requirement that the Council nominee(s) to specific outside bodies should submit summary reports to the Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee. The specific bodies identified were – Essex Fire Authority*; Essex Police & Crime Panel; Southend Hospital; and Kent & Essex Inshore Fisheries & Conservation Authority.

**On 1 October, 2017 governance was transferred to Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Fire and Rescue Authority.*

Reports are requested for the following outside bodies: -

- Essex Police, Fire & Crime Panel
- Southend University Hospital - NHS Foundation Trust
- Kent & Essex Inshore Fisheries & Conservation Authority

In your response, please indicate which Group / Body this report relates to.

Notes:-

- *In cases where there is more than one nominee, a joint report shall be submitted.*
- *Council has agreed that updates shall be submitted to every other ordinary meeting of the Scrutiny Committee.*

Last update October 2017

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**Name of Group / Body:- Southend University Hospital NHS
Foundation Trust**

Update on Key Issues

Mid & South Essex STP – Hospital governors have continued to receive regular briefings on the progress of the plans to reconfigure hospital services. To great relief all round, there was confirmation in the budget that Mid & South Essex STP would be receiving additional capital funding from central government.

The long awaited public consultation on the future health and care services was launched by the five clinical commissioning groups on 30th November 2017. The consultation will continue until 9th March 2018.

Joint working between Southend, Basildon and Broomfield Hospitals the Joint Working Board (JWB) and Joint Executive Group (JEG) for the three hospitals have been in place for almost a year. In October 2017, a Common Council was established for governors from the three hospitals. Now it has been announced that

the three hospital Trust Boards have approved plans to merge into one NHS Trust with effect from 2019.

The implications for existing governors at the three hospitals will need to be worked out. With 30+ governors per hospital, a combined group of 90 could be rather unwieldy. It is unclear at this point how the local knowledge and connections of existing governors will be utilised in the future.

A & E pressures Southend Hospital, along with most other hospitals in the country, has continued to face huge pressures in A & E. In other respects, there have been improvements in other targets such as cancer treatment waiting times. There has also been some positive progress on staff recruitment.

Board to Ward Walks Away from the formal meetings and governor briefings, I recently accompanied one of the non-executive directors on a “Board to Ward Walk” on the paediatric ward.

Person / Persons Making Response:

CouncillorMEG DAVIDSON.....

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