

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda
Item No.

Report of Strategic Director
(Legal and Democratic Services)
to

People Scrutiny Committee

On

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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. Recommendations

2.1 That the report and any actions taken be noted.

3. Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Mid and South Essex Sustainability & Transformation Partnership (STP)

3.1 Following the decision at the meeting held on 9th October 2018 (Minute 345 refers), the STP plans 'Your Care in the Best Place' public consultation and resulting decision taken by the Mid and South Essex Clinical Commissioning Group's Joint Committee have been referred to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care. The letter to the Secretary of State will be sent on about the 23rd November 2018¹ and a copy will be circulated as **Appendix 1**.

3.2 In the light of the decision, the work of the JHOSC has obviously been halted. However it is useful to update the Scrutiny Committee on the work of the JHOSC prior to this decision.

3.3 The Joint Committee was established to be the consultee for a formal public consultation launched by the STP for various proposed service changes. Southend Council is the lead authority for the Joint Scrutiny Committee, which is Chaired by Councillor Arscott. For information the current membership of the JHOSC is as follows:-

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council - Cllr Bernard Arscott (Chair), Cllr Cheryl Nevin, Cllr Margaret Borton and Cllr Stephen Habermel. Substitutes - Cllr Judith McMahon, Cllr Carole Mulroney and Cllr Georgina Phillips

Essex County Council - Cllr Beverley Egan (VC), Cllr June Lumley, Cllr Dr Richard Moore and Cllr Stephen Robinson. Substitutes - Cllr Jenny Chandler, Cllr Jill Reeves and Cllr Patricia Reid.

¹ There was cross party agreement to the timescale for agreeing the referral letter.

Thurrock Council - Cllr Victoria Holloway (VC), Cllr Tony Fish and Cllr Elizabeth Rigby (1 vacancy). Substitutes – none.

- 3.4 The JHOSC has held four meetings in public² and a number of private briefings. At the last meeting on 30th August 2018 the JHOSC considered its ongoing role and agreed the suggested framework and definition for the ongoing working relationship between, and distinguishing the role of, the JHOSC and the local health scrutiny committees at each of Essex, Southend and Thurrock.
- 3.5 The JHOSC had been intending to continue beyond the formal consultation process and look at issues around clinical transfers, family and carer transport arrangements when patients are transferred away from their local hospital for specialist treatment, specialist clinical care pathways and the financial sustainability of the plans.
- 3.6 Southend Council had serious concerns about the proposals and at the meeting on 9th October 2018 unanimously agreed to refer the matter to the Secretary of State for Health & Social Care. The work of the JHOSC has therefore been temporarily halted and will be reviewed following the outcome of the referral to Secretary of State.
- 3.7 The Committee will also be aware that Thurrock HOSC recently agreed 'in principle' to refer the decision on Orsett Hospital services to the Secretary of State. It is understood that this will be discussed at an extraordinary meeting of the Thurrock HOSC in early December.

4. In depth scrutiny project

- 4.1 At the meeting on 9th October 2018, the Committee agreed the project plan for the in depth scrutiny review – *'In the context of the vision for Southend 2050, what is the vision of young people which improves their lives, and what are the pathways to achieve this ambition'* (Minute 356 refers).
- 4.2 The project team had a productive meeting on 8th November 2018 and discussed the arrangements for the structured workshops in mid-November and the witness session in December 2018.
- 4.3 The first workshop will take place on 21st November, engaging with younger people aged 11-18 from a selection of youth organisations and schools across the borough using the themes and emerging messages – connected & smart; opportunity & prosperity – asking them to reflect on 'working towards Southend 2050, what ambitions do children & young people aspire towards in order to improve their lives?'
- 4.4 The second workshop will be on 22nd November, engaging with young people aged 18-25 in a workshop style setting using the emerging key themes and messages – opportunity & prosperity; active & involved - asking them to reflect on 'working towards Southend 2050, what ambitions do young people aspire towards in order to improve their lives?'

² Papers can be [found here](#) The papers for the formal meetings of the Joint Scrutiny Committee are also available on each of the participating local authority websites

- 4.5 The witness session will be on 6th December and the project team will be meeting with a number of invited stakeholders, as outlined in the project plan.

5. Membership of Committee

There have been some changes recently to the membership of the Committee and these are set out below:-

- 5.1 Non-voting co-opted representative - SAVS – Alison Semmence has moved to a new role as CEO of York CVS and subject to confirmation by Council on 13th December, her replacement on the Committee will be Kristina Jackson. Kristina is CEO at Thurrock CVS and interim CEO at SAVS.
- 5.2 Church of England Diocesan representative – Fr Jonathan Collis has now been confirmed as the Church of England Diocesan representative on the Scrutiny Committee.

The Diocesan representative has voting rights, but on education matters only, and will be able to speak on all education matters or topics that have a clear link to education.

- 5.3 Parent Governor representatives – there are 2 Parent Governor positions on the Committee which are now both vacant. (Mr Rickett held one of the position previously but his term of office ended in May 2018). Parent Governor representatives are elected by Maintained School Parent Governors in Southend³. The representatives have voting rights on education matters only and should limit speaking to education topics and topics which have a clear link to education.

Letters were sent to all Parent Governors at Maintained Schools in the Borough and 2 nominations were received. A verbal update will be provided at the meeting on the nominations (which will be subject to confirmation by Council on 13th December).

6. Other issues

- 6.1 Children's Services Improvement Plan Scrutiny Panel – the Committee will recall that the Panel was established last year to help provide additional challenge to the implementation of the action plan, to be made up of Scrutiny Committee Councillors and key members of the Improvement Board. The Panel has now met on 8 occasions with the most recent meeting taking place on 15th October.
- 6.2 New Diabetes Technology – there has been some concern expressed about the availability of this new technology in Southend and a position statement from the CCG will be circulated when it has been received (as **Appendix 2**).
- 6.3 Shoebury Health Centre – update – a meeting to decide upon the outline for the PID (Project Initiation Document) took place on 12th November. The CCG has provided the following update – see **Appendix 3**.

³ The statutory basis for the role can be found in 'The Parent Governor Representatives (England) Regulations 2001'.

- 6.4 Proposed creation of additional adult mental health inpatient beds in south Essex and associated temporary ward moves and proposed temp relocation of ClCC to facilitate the St Lukes primary care centre development – at the meeting held on 9th October 2018 the Committee referred this to Council for decision (Minute 355 refers).

At the Council meeting on 18th October, the proposals were approved and agreed to the request from the CCG and EPUT to defer consultation (due to patient and staff safety concerns) until point of determining permanent moves. The Council Minute is attached at **Appendix 4.**

7. Corporate Implications

- 7.1 Contribution to Council's Vision and Critical Priorities – Becoming an excellent and high performing organisation; ensure residents have access to high quality education to enable them to be lifelong learners and have fulfilling employment, aligning to the following emerging 2050 ambitions and outcomes – active and involved, opportunity and prosperity.
- 7.2 Financial Implications – there are no financial implications arising from the contents of the report. The cost of any Joint Scrutiny Committee work can be met from existing resources.
- 7.3 Legal Implications – the Scrutiny Committee exercises the health scrutiny function as set out in relevant legislation. Where an NHS body consults more than one local authority on a proposal for substantial development of the health service or a substantial variation in the provision of such a service, those authorities are required to appoint a Joint Scrutiny Committee for the purposes of the consultation. Only that Joint Committee may - make comments on the proposal to the NHS body; require the provision of information about the proposal; require an officer of the NHS body to attend before it to answer questions in connection with the STP proposals.
- 7.4 People Implications – none.
- 7.5 Property Implications – none.
- 7.6 Consultation – as described in report.
- 7.7 Equality Analysis – none.
- 7.8 Risk Assessment – none.

8. Background Papers

- Notes from project team meeting
- Letter sent to maintained school parent governors
- Email correspondence regarding Shoebury Health Centre
- Email correspondence regarding diabetes technology

9. Appendices

Appendix 1 - Letter to Secretary of State – to follow
Appendix 2 – New diabetes technology - to follow
Appendix 3 – update on Shoebury Health Centre
Appendix 4 – Council Minute re EPUT and St Luke's