

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda
Item No.

Report of Strategic Director
(Legal and Democratic Services)

To

People Scrutiny Committee

On

9th April 2019

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Scrutiny Committee - updates

Part 1 (Public 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.

2.2 That the report and recommendations from the in depth scrutiny project attached at **Appendix 1** be agreed and the Chairman be authorised to agree any final amendments to the draft report and that in accordance with Scrutiny Procedure Rule 10 (Part 4 (e) of the Constitution), to agree that the Chair (or Vice-Chair) of the Committee present the report to a future Cabinet meeting.

3. Quality Report / Account – 1st April 2018 – 31st March 2019

3.1 The Scrutiny Committee, as a statutory consultee is invited to comment on the draft Quality Accounts received from health bodies. Unfortunately there is no discretion in the statutory timescales. In 2018, the draft Quality Accounts from Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (EPUT) and Southend Hospital were circulated to Committee members for any comments and a submission was sent to the Trusts in the time frame (Minute 151 refers).

3.2 EPUT have recently advised that the draft Quality Account for 2018/19 will be sent on the 18th April 2019. Southend Hospital are likely to send the document through in the third week of April. These documents will be circulated to the Committee as soon as they are received. There is a requirement that any comments must be received by the Trusts within 30 days, in accordance with the Regulations.

4. In depth scrutiny project

4.1 The Committee's in depth project for this year is – *'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'*.

- 4.2 The project team met on 8th November 2018, held 2 workshops on 21st and 22nd November 2018 and a witness session on 6th December 2018 with invited stakeholders, as outlined in the agreed project plan.
- 4.3 The project team meeting met on 6th February 2019 to consider the interim report and met again on 13th March 2019 to discuss the final report.
- 4.4 The final report from the in depth scrutiny review undertaken in 2018/19 is now attached at **Appendix 1**. The Scrutiny Committee is recommended to endorse the conclusions from the review, for approval by Cabinet.

5. Other Issues

- 5.1 St Luke's Health Centre – an update from the CCG and EPUT was circulated to the Committee in early February on the development of the St Luke's Health Centre. This included an update on the intermediate care beds and dementia care in Southend. A further copy is attached at **Appendix 2**.
- 5.2 Southend Youth Council Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Charter – the Committee will recall that the Youth Council give a presentation to the meeting in November on the work undertaken with regard to the mental health school survey and in particular the draft Mental Health Charter (Minute 483 refers). The '1757 Voices' Charter has now been officially launched¹ and a copy of the Charter is attached at **Appendix 3**.
- 5.3 Mid & South Essex Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP) referral to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care – in early March officers contacted the Department of Health and Social Care for an update on the Council's referral to the Secretary of State. We have been advised that the referral is still with Minister for consideration and as the Thurrock HOSC referral relates to the same STP, the 2 referrals have been sent to Ministers together. Any update on the position will be reported at the meeting.
- 5.4 Children's Services Improvement Plan Scrutiny Panel – the Committee will recall that the Scrutiny Panel was established in late 2016 to help provide additional challenge to the implementation of the Children's Services action plan. The Panel has now met on 12 occasions with the most recent meeting taking place on 14th March 2019.

6. Corporate Implications

- 6.1 Contribution to the Southend 2050 Road Map - 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 2050 ambitions – active and involved, opportunity and prosperity.
- 6.2 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.

¹ See www.southendyouthcouncil.co.uk #1757voicescharter

- 6.3 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.
- 6.4 People Implications – none.
- 6.5 Property Implications – none.
- 6.6 Consultation – as described in report.
- 6.7 Equalities and Diversity Implications – none.
- 6.8 Risk Assessment – none.

7. Background Papers

- Notes from project team meetings.
- Emails regarding Quality Accounts; letter from EPUT regarding Quality Account / Report process.

8. Appendices

Appendix 1 – in depth scrutiny report – *to follow*

Appendix 2 – update on St Luke's Health Centre

Appendix 3 – The 1757 Voices Charter