

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda
Item No.

Report of Executive Director
(Legal and Democratic Services)

To

People Scrutiny Committee

On

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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 project plan for the in depth scrutiny review, attached at **Appendix 6** to the report be noted.

3. Mid & South Essex Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP) - updates

- 3.1 The Committee will now be aware that the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care wrote to the Chair on 30th July 2019 in response to the letter sent earlier in the year, which referred the proposals resulting from the 'Your Care in the Best Place' public consultation and resulting decisions made by the Mid and South Essex Clinical Commissioning Group's Joint Committee. The letter and advice from the Independent Reconfiguration Panel (IRP) is attached at **Appendices 1 and 2.**¹ The Secretary of State has accepted the advice made by the IRP, which is that, with some further action locally, the proposals should proceed.
- 3.2 The work of the existing Joint Health Scrutiny Committee, involving Southend, with Essex and Thurrock Councils (JHOSC) has therefore been paused. It will need to restart when any further proposed substantial developments or variations in the provision of health services in the footprint is proposed.
- 3.3 A further meeting has been held with Clare Panniker, Chief Executive of Mid and South Essex University Hospitals Group (MSE Group) and other representatives and the Chair will provide an update at the Scrutiny Committee meeting. The Chair, Cllr Chalk and Cllr Hooper (as JHOSC Members) also visited Southend Hospital recently. This visit was undertaken with the Chair and Vice Chairs of the

¹ The advice has also been published on the GOV.UK website - [IRP: Mid and South Essex advice](#)

Essex Health Scrutiny Committee and the purpose of the visit was to hear from some of the senior management at the Hospital about current issues and challenges and a tour of some of the key areas in the hospital. Visits to the other Hospitals in the Group (i.e. Basildon and Broomfield) will be undertaken in the coming few months. It will also be beneficial for all members of the Scrutiny Committee to undertake visits to other settings in the community and a programme of visits will be developed and circulated.

- 3.4 In early September, the STP announced the appointment of Professor Michael Thorne CBE as the new independent Chair. The former Chair, Dr Donley OBE stepped down from the role after over 3 years in post. The press release is attached at **Appendix 3**.

4. Scrutiny arrangements for the proposed move of site for Moorfields Eye Hospital

- 4.1 At the April 2019 meeting of the Committee, members were advised about the scrutiny arrangements for the proposed move of site for Moorfields Hospital and that as the proposals are not contentious, it would be applicable for the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Joint HOSC) for North Central London to manage the scrutiny process on behalf of Southend (Minute 853 refers).
- 4.2 The proposal is to relocate all the services currently provided at Moorfields' City Road site in Islington, London (along with the UCL Institute of Ophthalmology and Moorfields Eye Charity) to a brand new integrated, purpose-built hospital on land that has become available at the St Pancras Hospital site in Camden, London (subject to public consultation).
- 4.3 Regular updates / briefing on the proposals has been requested, together with information on the arrangements for public consultation and how local people can respond if they so wish and how respective local Healthwatch bodies will be involved. Further information about the public consultation has recently been circulated to the Committee. The public consultation ran from 24th May 2019 to 16th September 2019². A letter outlining the next steps is attached at **Appendix 4**.
- 4.4 On behalf of the Chair a comment was sent to the Programme Director on parking and accessibility to the proposed site which will be more problematic than the current Moorfields site. We asked for information on how these issues are being considered and addressed in the co-production work stream. The response from the Chief Operating Officer at Camden CCG is attached at **Appendix 5**.

5. Scrutiny project – update

- 5.1 At the meeting on the 9th July 2019, the Committee agreed that its in depth project for the municipal year would be on the appropriate use of reablement for older people when discharged from hospital, to maximise the number of people at home after period of 91 days (Minute 172 refers).
- 5.2 The project is led by a project team and the appointments were agreed at Council on 3rd June 2019. The membership for this project is - Councillors Alan Dear,

² The consultation website is <http://oriel-london.org.uk/consultation-documents/>

Denis Garne, Fay Evans, Margaret Borton, Cheryl Nevin, Anne Chalk, Ian Shead and Ashley Thompson and Tim Watts, co-opted member (Southend Carers). Officer support is provided by Sarah Baker, Lynn Scott, Gemma Czerwinkle and Fiona Abbott (project coordinator) with additional support as and when required from other officers.

- 5.3 A meeting of the project plan was held in early September at which the project plan and scope for the review was considered and agreed. At the meeting, Councillor Evans was appointed as Chair of the project team. A copy of the project plan is attached at **Appendix 6**.

6. Other issues

- 6.1 HIV diagnosis – at the Council meeting on 18th July 2019, Councillor Flewitt asked a question about sexual health data detailed in the Director of Public Health’s Annual Report 2018-19. At the meeting the Cabinet Member said that more up to date data would be provided, including information with regards to late diagnosis of HIV. The detailed update provided by the Director of Public Health is attached at **Appendix 7**.
- 6.2 Centre for Public Scrutiny – the Committee is asked to note that the Centre for Public Scrutiny has recently published the following ‘10 questions’ guide - ‘Enhancing the value of sexual health, reproductive health and contraception services through council scrutiny’ – which can be accessed via the following link <https://www.cfps.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Enhancing-the-Value-of-Sexual-Health-reproductive-health-and-contraception-services-FINAL-2019.pdf>
- 6.3 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. At the Council meeting on 3rd June, the following were appointed to the Panel - Councillors Dear, Walker, Burton, Nevin, Shead and Hooper. The Panel has now met on 12 occasions with the most recent meeting taking place on 14th March 2019. The meeting planned for 22nd July had to be rescheduled due to the Ofsted Inspection and a further meeting now scheduled to be held on 17th October 2019.

7. Corporate Implications

- 7.1 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.
- 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.
- 7.4 People Implications – none.

- 7.5 Property Implications – none.
- 7.6 Consultation – as described in report.
- 7.7 Equalities and Diversity Implications – none.
- 7.8 Risk Assessment – none.

8. Background Papers

None

9. Appendices

Appendix 1 – letter from Secretary of State

Appendix 2 – advice from IRP

Appendix 3 – press release

Appendix 4 – letter and next steps

Appendix 5 – letter from Chief Operating Officer, Camden CCG

Appendix 6 – proposed project plan

Appendix 7 – update from DPH