

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of People Scrutiny Committee

Date: Monday, 20th January, 2020

Place: Committee Room 1 - Civic Suite

- Present:** Councillor L Salter (Chair)
Councillors N Folkard (Vice-Chair), H Boyd, M Borton, A Chalk,
A Dear, M Dent, F Evans, D Garne, B Hooper, M Kelly, K Mitchell,
C Nevin, I Shead, M Stafford, A Thompson and C Willis
F Dawkins (co-opted member)
- In Attendance:** Councillor T Harp (Cabinet Member)
Councillors T Cox, A Jones, H McDonald and S Wakefield
K Ramkhelawon, D Simon, J Lansley, S Baker, N Faint, M Marks and T
Forster, R Harris
E Vias and S Kebbell - Youth Council (observers)
Also in attendance: D Hosein, M Bailey (EEAST), S Wooldridge, K
Spelman, T Maton, A Brown (Southend Sexual Health Service)
- Start/End Time:** 6.00 - 8.40 pm

715 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Father J. Collis, J. Broadbent and T. Watts (co-opted members).

716 Declarations of Interest

The following declarations of interest were made:

(a) Councillor Harp (Cabinet Member) – disqualifying non-pecuniary interest (Minutes 718, 719 and 720); attended pursuant to the dispensation agreed at Council on 19th July 2012, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011

(b) Cllr Harp – Minute 718 (East of England Ambulance Trust – Shoebury Ambulance Station) – non-pecuniary interest: family friend and future relative is employee of EEAST.

(c) Cllr Salter – Minute 719 (Sexual Health Service) and Minute 720 (CCG Merger update) – non-pecuniary interest: husband is consultant surgeon at Southend Hospital; daughter is a consultant at Basildon Hospital; son-in-law is GP in the borough;

(d) Cllr Nevin – Minute 720 (CCG merger update) - non-pecuniary interest: NHS employee at external Trust; previous association at Southend and MEHT hospitals; sons work at MEHT; niece works at Basildon Hospital;

717 Questions from Members of the Public

The relevant Cabinet Member responded to written questions received from members of the public.

718 East of England Ambulance Trust - Shoeburyness Ambulance Station

The Committee received a power point presentation from the Chief Operating Officer and the Chief Executive of the East of England Ambulance Service (EEAST) setting out background, context and the current position concerning ambulance provision across Mid and South Essex, with particular reference to the Shoeburyness ambulance station.

The Committee asked questions on a number of matters, which were responded to as follows:-

- Recruitment of additional 333 staff by 2022;
- The modelling review, as part of the contract review was taking place over the next few months and engagement would take place once the modelling work had been completed;
- At this time no significant changes are being made;
- The focus is around patient led outcomes;

Resolved:

That a further update and progress on the EEAST modelling review, with the parameters and timeline for completion, be provided to the People Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 17th March 2020.

719 Sexual Health Service

The Committee considered a briefing paper from representatives of the Southend Sexual Health Service which summarised the key features of the new service model, performance from April to December 2019 and innovations in the service.

The Committee asked questions on a number of matters, which were responded to as follows:-

- Will look at the data/information relating to the number of test at home kits in terms of numbers completed and how many people have accessed the service;
- Service is working on a SMS reminder system for people to return the test at home kits;
- Will look at the figures/data around number of young people accessing the service;
- The reporting issue has been rectified and assurances given that service complies with the 16-18 safeguarding arrangements;
- Access to services on-line are from 8.00am to 8.00pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 2pm on Saturday;

- Links with other services, such as community pharmacies, are in place – would explore use of multiple sites across the borough;
- Work in partnership with Terrence Higgins Trust around hard to reach groups (i.e. rough sleepers and homelessness);
- Health initiative taking place with health workers providing help at homeless shelter;
- Looking how best to use social media as a platform for young people – welcomed views, input and support from young people;

Resolved:

That the briefing paper, be noted.

720 Update on proposed changes to Clinical Commissioning Groups in Mid and South Essex - briefing

The Committee considered a briefing paper, presented by the Director of Integration and Partnerships, providing a progress update on the merger of the Clinical Commissioning Groups in Mid and South Essex.

The Committee asked questions on a number of matters, which were responded to as follows:-

- There will be a wide-reaching consultation and engagement with stakeholders, public and patients to inform the merger proposals;
- There will be 4 new alliances across Mid and South Essex to commission provision/services at a local level (Castle Point, Rochford and Southend will be one alliance);
- There were statutory timescales to meet – the proposals to be submitted to NHS England and the merger to be completed by April 2021;

Resolved:

That the briefing paper, be noted.

Chair: _____