

**REPORT FROM THE HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

*The Committee held a Special Meeting on 9 March 2017*

**1. Scrutiny of Herts Valleys Clinical Commissioning Group's (HVCCG) decision on the continued funding of care services for the financial year 2017/18**

1.1 At the County Council meeting on 21 February 2017 Council learned that Herts Valley's Clinical Commissioning Group had rescinded its decision of 1 December 2016 to withdraw £8.5m funding to the County Council for social care and that the decision would be re-taken by HVCCG's Investment Committee on 2 March 2017. Council requested that the Health Scrutiny Committee convene a Special Meeting to consider HVCCG's Investment Committee's decision. Subsequent to arrangements for a Special Meeting of the Health Scrutiny Committee being made for the morning of 9 March 2017, HVCCG advised that the decision regarding the continuation of funding to the County Council would be taken by its Board on the afternoon of 9 March 2017. The Special Meeting of the Committee, therefore, focussed on why HVCCG had decided to rescind its decision of 1 December 2016 and what additional evidence HVCCG would consider when reaching its decision at its Board meeting on 9 March 2017.

1.2 The report due to be considered by the HVCCG Board in relation to this matter was published on 8 March 2017 and considered by the Committee as part of its deliberations; the report can be viewed here [Herts Valleys CCG Board- Agenda and Papers- 9 March 2017.](#)

1.3 The Committee UNANIMOUSLY agreed the following:-

*'That the Committee, after considering all the reports submitted, the evidence presented by all witnesses and representations made by HVCCG, and noting that a final decision on the provision of funding of £8.5m for care services will be made at the HVCCG Board, which is to take place during the afternoon of 9 March 2017:*

- (i) welcomes the decision of HVCCG to rescind its decision of the 1 December 2016;*
- (ii) is concerned that the report to the HVCCG board is limited, does not include a detailed analysis of impacts, does not refer to papers that have been presented in evidence to this Committee, and does not acknowledge that all requested information from HCC (the County Council) has been provided;*

- (iii) *requires the Accountable Officer of HVCCG, or her nominee, to attend the next meeting of the Committee on 16 March 2017 to confirm the HVCCG Board's decision with regard to the £8.5m funding for social care 2017/18 and to answer any further questions from the Committee;*
- (iv) *will, following the meeting on 16 March 2017, make recommendations to Council on whether it should report to the Secretary of State in accordance with its powers under the Local Authority (Public Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 ("the Regulations"), which Council will consider at its meeting on 21 March 2017.*

A further, more detailed report on this matter can be found at item 9 of this agenda ([County Council agenda 21 March 2017](#)).

*Health Scrutiny Committee will meet on 16 & 30 March 2017*

A report on the Committee's scrutiny of NHS budgets, patient experience and quality of care will be reported to the County Council at its July 2017 meeting.

**Seamus Quilty,  
Chairman  
March 2017**