

Minutes



To: All Members of the Health Scrutiny Committee, Chief Executive, Chief Officers, All officers named for 'actions'

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HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 15 JUNE 2017

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE (20) - QUORUM 7

COUNTY COUNCILLORS (10)

S Brown; E H Buckmaster; M A Eames-Petersen; F Guest; D Hart; M S Hearn; D J Hewitt; S Quilty (*Chairman*); R G Tindall; C J White (*Vice Chairman*)

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS (10)

J Birnie (Dacorum); B Gibbard (St Albans); K Hastrick (Watford); J Green (North Herts); D Lambert (Hertsmere); M McKay (Stevenage); G Nicholson (Broxbourne); A Scarth (3 Rivers); N Symonds (East Herts) F Thomson (Welwyn Hatfield)

OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

None

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed the newly formed Committee and outlined the purpose and the intention of the Health Scrutiny Committee.

PART 1 ('OPEN') BUSINESS

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the 16 & 30 March 2017 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

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2. PUBLIC PETITIONS

None received.

3. NEW HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEMBER INDUCTION

[Officer Contact: Natalie Rotherham, Head of Scrutiny
(Tel: 01992 588485)]

- 3.1 Natalie Rotherham, Head of Scrutiny, presented a comprehensive induction package to the Health Scrutiny Committee with the purpose of ensuring that Members were fully briefed on the purpose of the Health Scrutiny Committee and fully understood the role and expectations of them as Members as part of the Committee, and how they needed to work make the scrutiny process effective.
- 3.2 Throughout discussion the Chairman briefed and answered questions from Members on historic and current issues that have affected and will affect the work of the Health Scrutiny Committee during 2016/17 and 2017/18.
- 3.3 It was clarified within discussion that District Council representatives along with Hertfordshire County Council Members will be requested to undertake the chairing of Health Scrutiny Committee Topic Groups, and would be invited to attend the training to undertake this effectively as appropriate.
- 3.4 Members attention was drawn to the attendance of Michael Downing from Healthwatch and Members were briefed on the purpose and remit of Healthwatch.
- 3.5 Further to Member questions, Ms Rotherham advised that she would provide Members with information on the main health providers within Hertfordshire that had been or will be subject to scrutiny to the Health Scrutiny Committee.
- 3.6 The Committee was reminded of the existence and purpose of the Concordat (attached to these minutes as Appendix 1) for reference) and the Chairman advised that over the Summer period, contact would be made with all of the health providers who had signed up to this to seek their agreement to the re-signing of this document and also to refresh the Council's relationship with them. In addition, as part of the discussions, health providers would be invited to share their organisations plans and intentions for the forthcoming year.

Natalie
Rotherham

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3.7 Members were refreshed on the purpose of the Annual Budget Scrutiny.

3.8 Members were advised that any contact with the Press or Media in relation to health organisation issues or scrutiny matters should be undertaken through the Communications Team and not directly by Members themselves.

CONCLUSION:

3.9 Members noted the report and the information provided throughout the induction.

4. REVIEW OF RESPONSES FROM HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ANNUAL SCRUTINY 2016/17

[Officer Contact: Natalie Rotherham, Head of Scrutiny
(Tel: 01992 588485)]

4.1 Members were advised that further to the Annual Scrutiny in March, the six Health Trusts that had been scrutinised had been invited to respond to the report of the scrutiny that had been written by the Scrutiny Team.

4.2 Members noted the responses from:
Hertfordshire Partnership Foundation Trust (HPFT)
East & North Herts Trust (ENHT)
East of England Ambulance Trust Service (EEAST)
West Herts Hospital Trust (WHHT)

4.3 Members expressed particular thanks to ENHT for responding and noted that this had been challenging for the organisation as it had been subject to the Cyber Attack that had affected a number of health organisations during May 2017.

4.4 Members expressed surprise that no responses had been received by Herts Urgent Care (HUC) and Herts Community Trust (HCT). The Chairman stated his intention to write to the Chief Executives of HUC and HCT to make clear his disappointment on behalf of the committee regarding the lack of responses from their organisations.

4.5 Members unanimously supported the Chairman's intention to write to both Chief Executives of the HUC and HCT.

Seamus
Quilty

4.6 Members were advised that the Chairman would also be meeting the Chief Executives from both organisations who had not submitted their responses over the Summer and would also raise the lack of response in discussion with them.

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| 4.7 | In answer to a Member question, the Chairman requested that a discussion outside of the meeting was held with officers to discuss a way forward with seeking clarity to some of the information provided by EEAST | Natalie Rotherham/
Charles Lambert/
Ron Tindall |
| 4.8 | Members suggested that a template be provided for the responses for the budget scrutiny in 2018 in order to provide better clarity and ease of read. Ms Rotherham advised that this had been discussed before with health organisations with no solution being reached, but agreed to discuss this with the organisations again. | Natalie Rotherham |
| CONCLUSION: | | |
| 4.9 | Members noted the responses from the health organisations to the annual budget scrutiny of 2017, and unanimously supported the Chairman's intention to write to the Chief Executives of HUC and HCT to express his disappointment on behalf of the committee regarding the lack of responses from their organisation. | |
| 5. SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS UPDATE | | |
| Officer Contact: Natalie Rotherham, Head of Scrutiny (Tel: 01992 588485)] | | |
| 5.1 | Members were invited to note the recommendations of the scrutinies concluded since the last meeting and the Executive response. | |
| 5.2 | CONCLUSION: The recommendations of scrutinies held since the last meeting and the Executive response were noted by Members. | |
| 6. SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME REVIEW 2017/18 | | |
| Officer Contact: Natalie Rotherham, Head of Scrutiny (Tel: 01992 588485)] | | |
| 6.1 | Members were invited to note the Scrutiny Work Programme for 2017/18. | |
| 6.2 | Members learned that the Scrutiny Team would be liaising with chief officers from Hertfordshire County Council and health organisations to establish areas and themes for consideration for the work programme for Health Scrutiny Committee for 2017/18. A report would then be presented at the Health | Natalie Rotherham/
Charles Lambert |

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Scrutiny Committee in July 2017 which Members would consider to agree the work programme.

6.3 The Committee were advised that early initial discussions had been held with regards to one topic for the work programme which was a scrutiny of the Health & Wellbeing Board, but this would be subject to further discussion and agreement.

6.4 Members noted that a seminar on the safeguarding board was scheduled for the 7th September, and she encouraged all Members to attend.

6.5 **CONCLUSION:** The Scrutiny Work Programme planning for 2017/18 was noted by the Committee.

7. **PROPOSED IMPACT OF SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE**

Officer Contact: Natalie Rotherham, Head of Scrutiny
(Tel: 01992 588485)

7.1 Members were asked to consider the establishment of a Impact of Scrutiny (HSC) Sub-Committee. It was explained that this would replace the current Monitoring of Recommendations Topic Group and would be a more streamlined and focused way of monitoring the actions arising from Topic Groups.

7.2 The Sub Committee would be made up of five Members and would be politically proportionate. Members noted that it would run consecutively with the Impact of Scrutiny (OSC) Sub-Committee and have the same Members standing on both sub committees..

7.3 **CONCLUSION:**
Members agreed to the implementation of the Impact of Scrutiny (HSC) Sub Committee.

8. **SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17**

Officer Contact: Natalie Rotherham, Head of Scrutiny
(Tel: 01992 588485)]

8.1 Members were asked to note the Annual Report for Scrutiny for 2016/17.

8.2 Members considered and discussed the report and noted with thanks the volume of work undertaken by the Scrutiny Team during 2016/17.

CONCLUSION:

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Members noted the Scrutiny Annual Report for 2016/17.

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OTHER PART I BUSINESS

Such Part I (public) business which, if the Chairman agrees, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration.

No other Part I business was recorded.

10. ITEMS FOR REPORT TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL (Standing Order SC7(2))

A summary of these items will be reported to County Council.

**KATHRYN PETTITT
CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER**

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