

Executive Scrutiny Committee

A meeting of Executive Scrutiny Committee was held on Wednesday, 14th May, 2014.

Present: Cllr Ken Lupton(Chairman), Cllr Mrs Lynne Apedaile, Cllr Carol Clark, Cllr Nigel Cooke, Cllr Robert Gibson, Cllr Mohammed Javed, Cllr Eileen Johnson, Cllr Jean Kirby, Cllr Mrs Jean O'Donnell, Cllr Maurice Perry, Cllr Mrs Mary Womphrey

Officers: Judith Trainer, Peter Mennear, Michael Henderson (LD)

Also in attendance:

Apologies: Cllr Miss Tina Large, Cllr Paul Kirton, Cllr Ross Patterson, Cllr Mick Stoker, Cllr Julia Cherrett, Cllr Steve Walmsley

1 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Lupton declared an interest in item 5 'Scrutiny of Access to GP, Urgent and Emergency Care' as he served on the North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust Board.

Cllr Javed and Cllr Cook declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in item 5 'Scrutiny of Access to GP, Urgent and Emergency Care' as they were employed by Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust. Both Councillors had been granted a dispensation in this regard

2 Minutes for Signature - 4th February 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2014 were signed by the Chair as a correct record.

3 Draft Minutes - 25th March 2014

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 25 March 2014

AGREED the minutes be approved.

4 Scrutiny Review of Access to GP, Urgent and Emergency Care

The Committee considered a report that presented the outcomes of the Adult Services and Health Select Committee's review of access to GP, urgent and emergency care for residents of Stockton Borough.

It was explained that the Committee had found that demand on GPs, urgent care and emergency services continued to increase. This demand and the continuing pressure on budgets meant it was more important than ever to make the most of available resources.

Equally, the public expected to have access to care when needed; whether this was the ability to register at a GP Practice and receive appointments in a timely manner, or when calling 999.

Often it was the case that patients could have been treated by more appropriate

services to the ones they had used. It was noted that, ultimately, people would go to where they were confident they would be seen and receive the treatment they needed, or believed they needed.

The Select Committee suggested that, in order to try and ensure that people used the right treatment at the right time, the system must be made as simple as possible to navigate with appropriate guidance communicated to local residents.

The Select Committee had recognised that a great deal of work was taking place on this agenda and it had made recommendations to assist with these efforts. Details of all the recommendations were provided to members.

The Committee considered the report and its recommendations. The Committee agreed that the report was excellent and it requested that a recommendation be made to Cabinet that the report be widely circulated to partners and the public.

RESOLVED that the report be noted and Cabinet be requested to agree that the report be widely circulated to partners and the public.

5 Forward Plan

Members were provided with the Statutory Forward Plan 1 April 2014 - 31 July 2014.

The Committee noted that the Gypsy, Travelling, Showpeople Site Allocation Report was identified on the Plan. It was queried if this Committee could review the site allocation report at a future meeting.

RESOLVED that the Plan be noted and consideration be given to the Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople site allocation report being presented to a future meeting of the Committee.

6 Report on Chairs Updates

The Committee was provided with updates on Select Committee reviews.

RESOLVED that the updates be noted.