

Committee: Healthier Communities and Older People Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: 17th March 2014.

Agenda item:

Wards: ALL

Subject: Update from Merton Clinical Commissioning Group

Lead officer:

Lead member: Councillor Logie Lohendran, Chair of the Healthier Communities and Older People overview and scrutiny panel.

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Recommendations:

- A. That Panel members comment on the update from Dr Howard Freeman, Chairman of Merton Clinical Commissioning Group on next steps for health services in South West London
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. To update the panel on the latest position on future strategic reviews of health services in South West London following the demise of the Better Services Better Value Review.

2 DETAILS

- 2.1. On the 6th January 2014 The Six South West London Clinical Commissioning Groups issued a press release stating that the business case for the Better Services Better Value Review was rendered invalid following the withdrawal of Surrey Downs Clinical Commissioning Group.
- 2.2. The proposals within the BSBV review had significant implications for Merton residents, including the possible closure of Accident and Emergency and Maternity departments at Epsom and St Helier University Hospital.
- 2.3. The review was clear that the current configuration of health services in south west London is unsustainable therefore it is expected that a similar review will take place in the future.
- 2.4. Dr Freeman will attend the panel to discuss next steps for any future strategic reviews for health services in South West London.

3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The Healthier Communities and Older People Overview and Scrutiny Panel can select topics for scrutiny review and for other scrutiny work as it sees fit, taking into account views and suggestions from officers, partner organisations and the public.

Cabinet is constitutionally required to receive, consider and respond to scrutiny recommendations within two months of receiving them at a meeting.

- 3.1. Cabinet is not, however, required to agree and implement recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny. Cabinet could agree to implement some, or none, of the recommendations made in the scrutiny review final report.

4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

- 4.1. The Panel will be consulted at the meeting

5 TIMETABLE

- 5.1. The Panel will consider important items as they arise as part of their work programme for 2013/14

6 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1. None relating to this covering report

7 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1. None relating to this covering report. Scrutiny work involves consideration of the legal and statutory implications of the topic being scrutinised.

8 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1. It is a fundamental aim of the scrutiny process to ensure that there is full and equal access to the democratic process through public involvement and engaging with local partners in scrutiny reviews. Furthermore, the outcomes of reviews are intended to benefit all sections of the local community.

9 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1. None relating to this covering report. Scrutiny work involves consideration of the crime and disorder implications of the topic being scrutinised.

10 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1. None relating to this covering report

11 APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT

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12 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 12.1.