

REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEE TO THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 2015

Firstly I would like to thank my vice chairman, Councillor Stuart Hutchinson, for taking the chair at the meeting on 30 July 2015 in my absence whilst I was on holiday.

In my last report I referred to the evidence taken from town and parish councils with regard to their experiences of dealing with this authority in the transfer of services to them. As the result of this twelve recommendations were agreed by the Committee. These have been forwarded to the relevant executive member and it is hoped that a response can be reported to the October meeting of the committee.

In discussing the latest budget position the committee made a request to the Executive that a member briefing should be held in advance of this full Council. All members were urged to attend and consideration should also be given to a similar event for town and parish councils.

In looking at the quarterly performance report the Committee highlighted its concern that the Corporate Priority relating to protecting the most vulnerable with health and social care, investing in support, prevention and continuing care was identified as being green. It believed that this should be reviewed given the background of the shortage of available bed space in residential care/ nursing homes, safeguarding concerns at a number of facilities recently inspected by the Care Quality Commission and the implications of the Care Act. I am sure that the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Sub Committee will follow this up in its workplan.

At the last full Council I indicated that I was in discussion with the Chairman of the Children's Services Select Committee, Councillor Conrad Gauntlett, on improving the scrutiny of safeguarding and school improvement. This also involved of the Leader of the Council, in his role as executive member with responsibility for children's services, together with the Director of Children's Services and the Area Director for Children and Families. As the result of this a way forward has been identified and will be considered by the committee at its 10 September 2015 meeting. This is likely to recommend that the existing Children's Services Select Committee should be changed so that it has scrutiny powers enabling it to ensure a more robust challenge of service delivery. Any changes will require the approval of full Council.

The other key agenda items for the September meeting relate to an update on the delivery of the rural broadband project and an initial look at the delivery of planning services in the light of budget reductions and the latest performance data.

**Councillor Dave Stewart
Chairman of Scrutiny Committee**

CHAIRMAN OF ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH SCRUTINY SUB COMMITTEE REPORT TO FULL COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 2015

The sub committee, at its meeting on 20 July 2015 took an initial look at some key issues that form a link into the delivery of integrated care. The importance of safeguarding throughout this was emphasised by members. Additionally recent inspections by the Care Quality Commission of residential and nursing homes where improvements were discussed. The background to the recent number of black alerts at St Mary's Hospital by the Trust, together with the impact it was having, was provided by the Executive Director of Nursing and the Chief Operating Officer. Due to another black alert recently being announced the sub committee has requested that more details should be reported to its meeting on 14 September 2015.

It was felt by members that the language used in the delivery of adult social care services through such initiatives as My Life a Full Life should be simplified. There needed to be a clearer public understanding of how it related to an individual's care needs to ensure it is used to full effectiveness.

Healthwatch Isle of Wight produced an excellent report dealing with NHS outpatients appointments. The actions being taken in response to the recommendations were outlined by partners and this will be followed up by the sub committee later in the year.

Members had also noticed that the IWNHS Trust had incurred financial penalties as the result of not hitting the targets for ambulance handover performance. The actions being taken were noted and the sub committee intend to revisit the matter once a new system of data recording had been in operation for a period of 3 months.

Councillor Richard Priest
Chairman of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Sub Committee