

# **REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEE TO THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY, 16 MARCH 2016**

Due to another commitment, which was made prior to changes introduced at the start of the year to Council meetings, the Vice Chairman, Richard Priest, kindly took the chair for the meeting on 8 March 2016.

## **Performance management**

The Committee raised a number of issues related to performance measures arising from quarter 3. There have been on-going concerns about whether the measures being used for the delivery of services related to the corporate priority of supporting growth in the economy, making the Island a better place and keeping it safe. A review of these will be undertaken by myself, my vice chairman and the chairmen of the two select committees. A range of further information on some performance measures have been requested and this will enable members to see if any specific issue should be looked at in more detail at a later date.

## **Destination Business Improvement District (D-BID) – Statutory Phase**

There was a good debate about this important matter. In supporting the proposal the Committee identified several issues that should be taken into account by the Executive when making its decision.

## **Adult Social Care Scrutiny Review**

Members had the second part of their background briefing on key issues from senior officers of the department. Arising from this a range of questions have been drafted together with the identification of key partners and stakeholders. This will now enable members to commence the information gathering process as part of the review. It is anticipated that an interim report will be submitted to the Committee at its May 2016 meeting.

## **Other workplan items**

The committee will be adding the following two items to its workplan :-

- Progress with implementation of the Community Highway Fund;
- Implications for service users of possible £4m savings on discretionary services as listed in the Council budget papers.

**Councillor Dave Stewart  
Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee**

## **REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY SUB COMMITTEE TO THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY, 16 MARCH 2016**

At its meeting on Monday, 22 February 2016 the Sub Committee received an update from senior IWNHS Trust officers on the pressures being encountered with increased emergency admissions. Members have raised concerns about the need for the Trust to ensure that proper discharge summaries are provided for all patients. The ability of the hospital to make sure it continues to be fully compliant with the Care Quality Commission's requirements was also stressed by the Sub Committee, following the results of a recent mock inspection. The improvements being introduced to safeguarding arrangements within the Trust were also welcome.

The actions being taken regarding ambulance handover performance is still being monitored and it is now hoped that this will be resolved by May 2016.

The Trust intends to have the following priorities in its Quality Account for 2016/17 following a survey of stakeholders :-

### Patient Safety

- Implementation and monitoring the effectiveness of the sepsis care bundle;
- Reduce incidents of patient harm.

### Clinical Effectiveness

- Improve the discharge planning process;
- Improve communication with patients and carers.

### Patient Experience

- Improve the culture of the organisation to improve patient experience.

As the result of comments made by the Health Trust at the meeting in respect of the Council's budget proposals, it was requested that it urgently put these in writing so that all members of the Council could be made aware prior to the final budget decision.

The proposed closure of the GP surgery at Garfield Road, Ryde as from 31 March 2016 was discussed and NHS England South (Wessex) has been requested to monitor the position and provide an update after a period of six months on any issues arising.

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

**REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE  
TO THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL  
ON WEDNESDAY, 16 MARCH 2016**

The committee's last meeting was held on 3 March 2016.

Educational Attainment on the Isle of Wight in 2015 was considered. While there is still some way to go, the significant improvements across all key stages were welcomed, particularly at Early Years Foundation Stage where the performance of Island children exceeded national averages and the improvement in Ofsted rating of Island schools.

Members were pleased to receive further examples of improved outcomes for Island children through the review of the work of the Care Leavers Service and details of the 1, 2, 3, apprenticeship scheme. The service at Beaulieu House, which provides residential, respite and day care support for children with complex disabilities, was also considered excellent.

The committee received a presentation on Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) outlining the types of CSE, the local context and arrangements for safeguarding Island children considered to be at risk. A further, closed session has been arranged to provide greater understanding.

Finally, a verbal update was received on the development of Residential Strategy for Children's Services. A proposal to extend the provision at Beaulieu House and create two units of in-house residential provision for children in care is underway. The committee will continue to monitor the proposal.

**Councillor Conrad Gauntlett  
Chairman of the Children's Committee**