

**REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
TO THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL  
ON WEDNESDAY, 20 JULY 2016**

The Scrutiny Committee met on 12 July 2016.

As part of the review of adult social care it was noted that the Communities and Local Government Committee in the House of Commons was undertaking an inquiry into the financial sustainability of local authority adult social care and the quality of care provided. The Executive has therefore been recommended to submit written evidence highlighting the concerns of this authority as to its ability to provide the level of statutory services required within the resources available. Additionally issues that have been encountered as part of the scrutiny review relating to the acquisition and operation of the Dynamic Purchasing System has been passed onto the Audit Committee for inclusion in its own internal audit review of the system. As part of the scrutiny review a questionnaire is being sent to providers of adult social care in order to gain feedback on a range of key topics.

Arising from discussions at the June meeting on performance measures detailed information about the background to road traffic collisions on the Island had been sought by the Committee. A response was kindly provided by the Fire and Rescue Service. This will now be forwarded onto the Environment and Transport Select Committee as part of its review into traffic management and road safety policies.

The Committee has now had the opportunity of considering proposed changes to the strategic asset management strategy. The effective use and disposal of council assets is an important element in the medium term financial plan.

As part of its scrutiny of budget issues the Committee highlighted concerns that a number of areas where budget savings had been approved by full Council in February 2016 were unlikely to be achieved either in part or full. In some instances these areas were also part of the budget savings for 2015/16 but not achieved. Members also learnt of the ability to use the Asda capital receipts more fully for revenue purposes. The Committee has requested that the Executive submits a report to the September meeting of full Council so that there can be a debate on the possible use of this money to alleviate the reductions agreed as part of the 2016/17 budget.

There was a lively discussion on the recommendations made in the Executive report dealing with devolution. Significant concerns were identified by all scrutiny members including the need for full Council to be able to debate the proposals before any decisions were taken.

**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, 20 JULY 2016**

The sub committee met on 20 June 2016 and a number of significant performance issues were raised with health partners. The first related to delays in discharge summaries being sent to patients' GP's once they had left hospital. Actions were being taken to address this by the Trust. The second issue related to the national targets for ambulance response and handover times not being achieved. Whilst the background to this is accepted and actions were being taken by the Trust the matter will be kept under close observation.

Under a national "Learning from Mistakes League" the IWNHS Trust Acute sector was ranked 212 and the Mental Health sector 222 out of 230 trusts. An explanation was provided by the Trust representatives and actions were being taken to improve the situation.

The sub committee continues to monitor the delivery of health care services when pressures can often lead to cancellations of planned procedures due to demands on bed space. The lessons learnt from implementation of the Systems Resilience Plan 2015/16 will be incorporated into the 2016/17 Plan.

Arising from concerns being raised about proposed changes in the operation of the Beacon Health Centre, a detailed response was provided by the IW Clinical Commissioning Group. It was noted that this area was one of a number being reviewed as part of the Whole Integrated System Review (WISR). The link between WISR and the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Sustainability and Transformation Plan was explained and there is a need to ensure that the work on both of these avoided duplication of effort and resources.

The changes to provide a more sustainable vascular arterial service in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight is progressing after a series of public consultation events held by NHS England (Wessex).

A very informative report produced by Healthwatch Isle of Wight on pharmacy services on the Island was discussed. As the result of this a representative from the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Pharmaceutical Committee has been invited to a future meeting.

**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, 20 JULY 2016**

The Committee met on 8 June 2016 and considered the delivery of the newly integrated early help service. This enabled the Assistant Director for Children's Services from Barnardo's to outline work undertaken during 2015/16 and developments in 2016/17. Members also received a range of confidential information from council officers and the police about child sexual exploitation. This assisted in giving members a more in-depth awareness of the issues being faced nationally and locally, and actions being taken by all agencies to address these.

The next meeting is on 21 July 2016 and the items on the agenda are:- Improving children's services, annual report of the adoption service, children and young people survey and school crossing patrols and youth offer.

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