

REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEE TO THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2016

Since my last report to full council in July the Scrutiny Committee held a further meeting on 6 September 2016 when a range of issues were addressed.

Adult Social Care

As part of the ongoing review of Adult Social Care the committee received evidence from Shaun Stacey, Chief Operating Officer, IWNHS Trust; Kevin Dannatt, Nursing Home representative; Loretta Kinsella, Director of Quality and Clinical Services, IWCCG and Joanna Smith, Locality Manager, Healthwatch IW. Outcomes of this element of the process will be incorporated into the final report of the task group due to be presented in October.

In looking at performance measures an outline was provided to members of actions being taken to address the increasing number of homeless families. Whilst noting this information it was recommended that consideration should be given to the provision of a more detailed quarterly report on housing performance in the future.

Budget

As part of its continuing scrutiny of budget issues the Committee requested that a summary of actions being taken to address the lack of progress with a number of the approved budget savings for 2016/17 be included in the budget report to full council in October. In addition, the current position regarding the revenue and capital budgets, together with the proposed use of the Asda capital receipt was noted and it was understood this would be reflected in the report to full Council.

Devolution

With regard to Devolution, the committee was advised that an emerging issue from the consultation process was the need for there to be an equal balance between all the authorities involved in the Solent deal. It was also noted that the Council had not been formally requested to comment on Hampshire County Council's options for changes to local government in Hampshire.

October Workplan

At the October scrutiny meeting it is planned to invite Paul Herbert, Operations Manager from Island Roads, to attend and give his perspective on progress on the delivery of the Highways PFI. Additionally, the work of the Infrastructure Task Force (ITF) will be discussed and the chairman of the ITF invited to address the committee.

I will be attending a Centre for Public Scrutiny training event dealing with scrutiny of finance on 22 September 2016.

**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, 21 SEPTEMBER 2016

The sub committee met on 1 August 2016. It was updated on the programme of work within My Life a Full Life regarding the Whole Integrated System Review. A report will be submitted to the 17 October 2016 meeting detailing the consultation process to be undertaken on service reconfiguration. It was suggested that there should be collaboration with Healthwatch Isle of Wight about avoiding the use of jargon in any consultation material issued as part of the review. The sub committee will need to development a workplan alongside the final implementation plan to ensure that actions are being delivered and services continue to be operated in a safe and effective manner. Members felt that it was also important for the review, together with work being undertaken in connection with the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Sustainability and Transformation Plan, to link in with work by the Infrastructure Task Force.

The sub committee continues to monitor a number of significant performance issues with health partners. These relate to delays in discharge summaries being sent to patients' GP's once they had left hospital, targets for ambulance response and handover times not being achieved and pressures with hospital and GP service.

There are still ongoing concerns being raised by the sub committee on the proposed changes in the operation of the Beacon Health Centre. It was requested that Healthwatch Isle of Wight should be included within any on-going work on proposals for the future delivery of these services and how these should be communicated to the public.

The Healthwatch reports on support for unpaid carers and cancer services were welcomed and a review of the actions would be undertaken at a later date. In noting the work priorities for 2016/17 Councillor John Nicholson was nominated as a scrutiny representative to help with the work relating to mental health services for adults and children.

With regard to the revenue budget the impact on public health budget of year on year reductions and use to support related activities within the Council was noted. Also pressures being encountered with short term placements were highlighted.

I have also attended a meeting with Healthwatch on 9 August, a Social Care Briefing with Sarah Mitchell on 11 August, the IW CCG AGM on 1 September, the IW NHS Trust Board meeting on 7 September and visited new LD Provider.

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, 21 SEPTEMBER 2016

The Committee met on 21 July 2016 and considered the issue of school crossing patrols. The Executive Member for Resources, Organisational Change and Children's Services was requested to ensure that this matter was given absolute priority as it involved 'Keeping Children Safe', and all necessary steps should be taken to resolve the matter in time for the September school term. Also as the result of the Committee's discussions a briefing on school crossing patrols for members was held.

The Deputy Director of Children's Services presented a report which updated the Committee on the progress of the Children's Services Partnership between Hampshire County Council and the Isle of Wight Council. A range of issues were discussed and clarified. The topic of children who were electively home educated was of concern and further information on this was requested together with the percentage of EHE children in comparison to the number of children in formal education.

The Committee will be considering a full report, that 2013 predicted targets have been met by this year (2016), following publication of data available in the new.

Consideration was given to the adoption service report which was an annual statutory requirement containing technical information regarding the Isle of Wight Adoption Service.

Members also took the opportunity of discussing a briefing on the Children and Young People Survey held on Wednesday, 13 July 2016. The presentation had been well received but further information around the 5-19 offer and the youth offer would have been of additional benefit as this would be useful in informing other future decisions.

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

POLICE AND CRIME PANEL – REPORT FOR THE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL

I continue to attend and chair the Hampshire Police and Crime Panel on behalf of the Isle of Wight Council and I can confirm the panel has now commenced its work in relation to scrutiny of ongoing development of the Police and Crime Plan by the new Police and Crime Commissioner, Michael Lane.

Following a selection process applied to 15 applications for the position of Independent Member of the panel, two independent members have recently been selected by the panel and will be invited to the next full panel meeting which will take place on the 7th October 2016 at Winchester.

The future work plan of the panel includes pro-active scrutiny work in relation to Domestic Violence and Restorative Justice. The scrutiny of these subjects will commence in the coming months and reports will be published in due course.

Island Issues

I have particularly made note of two matters of concern in relation to the Island a) the apparent lack of engagement and communication by the commissioner - drawn to my attention by Councillor Jordon and b) the recent spate of crime in Ryde which has raised the fear of crime in that area – drawn to my attention by Councillor Whittle.

I shall be raising both of these matters with the Commissioner on behalf of the Island when we next meet and I will seek assurance from him that action is being taken on both.

Councillor Dave Stewart
Chair of the Police and Crime Panel