

REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEE TO THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2016

Island Roads

At its meeting on 11 October 2016 the Scrutiny Committee heard from Paul Herbert, Service Director of Island Roads, on delivery of the Highways PFI from the contractor's perspective. This provided a very useful and informative insight into what has been achieved over the past two and a half years. On-going discussions between the Council and Island Roads on reviewing terms of the contract in the light of experience were noted.

Solent Deal - Scrutiny

The Committee discussed scrutiny arrangements shown in the draft governance framework for the proposed mayoral combined authority under the Solent Deal. The basic requirements were noted and would be further debated once a decision had been taken as to whether the scheme should be submitted to the Secretary of State.

Adult Social Care

The report from the Task and Finish Group on the review of adult social care was considered. This contained thirteen recommendations on a range of matters where service delivery could be made more efficient and effective. The support received from officers within adult social services was recognised and greatly assisted the task group members in their understanding of the key challenges. Evidence provided by a range of stakeholders was also vital in gaining a wider knowledge of issues.

Executive Agenda

A great deal of discussion took place on a number of the reports being considered by the Executive at its meeting on 13 October 2016.

Firstly the medium term financial strategy (MTFS) and efficiency plan attracted a number of comments. Disappointment was expressed that the body of members established to look at the budget (Budget Policy and Liaison Group) had not been involved in any of the thinking behind the MTFS proposals before publication. Whilst the principles behind the new approach were accepted, the need for a more in-depth understanding of the wider implications was sought and it was hoped that the member briefing arranged for 13th October would assist this process.

An item dealing with disposal of land at Taylor Road, Carisbrooke ignited a challenge over the definition and provision of affordable housing together, with the need for the Council to be seen to be achieving best consideration in any land disposal. The Committee hopes that the additional capital receipt generated can be used to ensure the construction of appropriate housing units on other sites.

Concerns were expressed about the very short timeframe being imposed by NHS England to submit a response to the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Sustainability and Transformation Plan. The draft final plan was not due to be available to the Council

until Tuesday, 12 October 2016 with a response to NHS England by 21 October 2016. Comment made by the Council will reflect these concerns.

Additionally issues regarding timescales for items appearing on the forward plan were raised and a report sought clarifying the position from the monitoring officer.

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, 19 OCTOBER 2016

The sub committee will be meeting on Monday, 17 October 2016 and will be receiving an update from the IWNHS Trust on progress being made to reduce delays in discharge summaries being sent to patients' GP's once they had left hospital and ensuring targets for ambulance response and handover times were being achieved.

There will be an opportunity to check on how the redesign of the urgent care service, which came into operation on 1 October is bedding down. Concerns have been expressed to the Trust and CCG that a clearer message needs to be issued so that patients fully understand the new arrangements and the benefits that this should bring.

Members will have the opportunity of commenting on the proposed cessation by the Clinical Commissioning Group of providing gluten free foods. There are 595 patients affected by this that suffer from coeliac disease. It is important that the costs saved are not transferred onto the Trust in having to deal with patients who are unable to correctly control their condition.

The Sub Committee will be fortunate in having Paul Bennett, Chief Officer of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Pharmaceutical Committee present. He will outline the important, and growing role, played by pharmacies in the health and wellbeing of residents.

The annual social care complaints report is to be presented. This enables members to have an understanding of the areas which have attracted members of the public to raise concerns about the standard of service received and any lessons learnt so to improve delivery.

With Cllrs Chapman and Gilbey I attended the opening of the first hotel for people with Autism in the Country.

Also, with Cllr Gilbey, and following the Healthwatch Report on pharmacies, we supported the successful nomination of Regent Pharmacist as Community Pharmacist at the National Awards.

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
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At its meeting on 29 September 2016 the annual report of the targeted youth service was discussed. Despite reductions in staffing levels, a robust and high standard of service to young people was still delivered. The work on homelessness prevention was particularly pleasing and the proposed developments being looked at for 2016/17 would help provide more effective partnership working, leading to better outcomes for those in receipt of services.

Members were advised of the background to the new joint Ofsted/Care Quality Commission inspection framework for services for children and young people with special educational needs/disabilities. A self evaluation was taking place to help with ensuring that if the 5 days' notice of an inspection was received then all partners would know what would be expected of them. The committee asked to see the results of this exercise to satisfy itself that all relevant actions were being taken.

A very informative presentation was made on strengthening links between primary and secondary schools. The importance of ensuring the full and active involvement from the schools concerned through to the local authority and families was emphasised. A range of issues were being worked on to improve the transition process so that any impact upon pupils was kept to a minimum.

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