

FULL COUNCIL - WEDNESDAY, 15 MARCH 2017

**Written question from Stewart Blackmore to Councillor Richard Priest,
Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health:**

As I am sure you are aware, STPs are the plans that every part of England has to produce to show how care will be transformed and money saved over the next five years.

As a local resident I am concerned that these plans are being attempted at a pace and with a lack of money that will render them at best unachievable, and at worst deeply damaging to local services.

There has so far been insufficient public and staff involvement in the development of the plans, and the STPs have no formal place in law, so there are further concerns about how those responsible for implementing the plans will be held to account.

Government minister David Mowat has stated that if STPs “are failing to address the needs of stakeholders, including councils, they won’t go ahead.” Councillors should therefore be able to play an important role in ensuring that local people, and health and care staff, are properly consulted on STPs and that damaging elements of the plans are reconsidered.

What arrangements and timetable has the Health and Wellbeing Board put in place to ensure that the Sustainability and Transformation Plans receives ongoing proper scrutiny from the Isle of Wight Council?

Response

The governance arrangements for the HIOW Sustainability & Transformation Plan provide for a joint HIOW wellbeing group to provide political and clinical oversight of the STP and consider the key strategic issues facing the HIOW health and social care system. The group will comprise the chairs and vice chairs of the four Health and Wellbeing Boards across the geography. It has yet to meet, but I am pressing for a meeting in April in order to take stock of the developments across the STP.

I am aware that a key focus of those charged with delivering the STP is the creation of local implementation plans for each one of the five Local Delivery Systems across the area. The Isle of Wight is one of these five systems and the council is working to influence the development and delivery of the plan for the area. This plan is not expected in outline draft until the end of April. At that time, the potential impact of the STP on the Island and the likely timescales for its implementation will be much clearer. It will also be much easier to scrutinise the proposals.

I would suggest that the scrutiny of the plan is more a role for the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee than the Health and Wellbeing Board; its role is more about policy and strategy formulation than scrutiny.