

EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

SCRUTINY (ECONOMIC GROWTH, COMMUNITIES AND HEALTH) COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting of the Scrutiny (Economic Growth, Communities and Health) Committee held in the Meeting Room at the Brewhouse Arts Centre, Burton upon Trent on Wednesday 30th October 2017.

Present:

Councillors A Johnson (Chairman), E W R Barker, R A Faulkner, D Florence-Jukes, P Hudson, S A Hussain, C B Jones, Mrs J A Killoran, S McGarry, S McKiernan, B G Peters, S Smith, P Walker and C Wileman.

Officers Present:

The Open Spaces Manager, the Programmes and Transformation Team Leader and the Principal Democratic Services Officer.

Also Present:

Mr Gavin Boyle, Chief Executive (Royal Derby Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust) and Mr Duncan Bedford, Chief Operating Officer (Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ms A J Legg and Mrs L Shelton.

12/17 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor B G Peters advised the Committee that he would be attending this meeting as both a Borough Councillor and a County Councillor and that he was also a governor at Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

Councillor S A Hussain advised that he was a member of the Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

13/17 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business for consideration at the meeting pursuant to Rule 12.

14/17 **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee received an update from Lead Councillors on the work programme.

It was noted that there was change in the membership of some of the sub groups as follows:

Domestic Abuse

Councillor D Florence-Jukes (Lead)
Mrs J A Killoran
Mrs Lynne Sheldon
C B Jones
S McKiernan
B G Peters

Anti-Social Behaviour

Councillor P Hudson (Lead)
S A Hussain
Mrs J A Killoran
S McGarry
P Walker
C D Wileman

Adult Social Care

Councillor S McGarry (Lead)
D Florence-Jukes
C B Jones
Mrs J A Killoran
S Smith
E Barker

NOTED.

15/17 **BURTON HOSPITAL FOUNDATION TRUST AND ROYAL DERBY FOUNDATION TRUST COLLABORATIVE WORKING**

Councillors received a presentation entitled “Derby and Burton: A Route to High Quality Sustainable Services” from Mr Gavin Boyle (Chief Executive, Royal Derby NHS Foundation Trust and Mr Duncan Bedford (Chief Operating Officer, Burton Hospital NHS Foundation Trust) on collaborative working between the two hospitals.

It was noted that with the proposal, the hospitals would be in a better position to face the challenges together, rather than separately. The aims of the collaboration included: to sustain and improve the quality of services at both hospitals; for Derby Hospital, as a teaching hospital, to reach out further into Staffordshire and as a result sustain services; and to work together in community hospitals, providing outreach.

A strategic outline case had been presented and it warranted further investigation (each step of the way it had been approved by both Boards of Governors). The merger would involve the acquisition of Burton Hospital by Derby Hospital, the reason for this was to preserve the Derby Hospital teaching status. It was emphasized that the partnership would be a partnership of equals and the new Board of Governors would be made up of an equal number of Derby and Burton representatives. The proposal would be submitted to the Competition and Markets Authority in November – confirmation of the proposal should be received in Mid-January 2018.

It was noted that there was currently a lot of duplication between the two hospitals and that the new proposal would give them the opportunity to save money, to reinvest in clinical services and to enhance services.

A variety of consultation events had taken place, in addition to updates being given on the radio, in the local newspapers, engaging with Healthwatch and the Community Council of Staffordshire. However representatives from the Hospitals were happy to take on board any suggestions as how to further engage with the general public to keep them up to date on developments.

It was anticipated that the proposal would develop an integrated service locally in Burton upon Trent, it would not be centralising services at Derby. Offering a combined service with Burton would be an attractive proposition to potential new employees, offering more opportunities to attract the highest calibre of people to employ.

Councillors presented questions which had been submitted in advance of the meeting to representatives from the Hospital, subjects covered included Services; Travel to Derby; Staffing/Capacity and Finance/Governance.

It was agreed that representatives from both Hospitals attend future meetings to keep Councillors updated on progress.

The Chairman thanked officers from both organisations for attending the meeting and responding to the questions from Councillors.

NOTED.

16/17 **QUESTIONS**

There were no questions submitted to the Committee prior to the meeting.

17/17 **DATES AND VENUES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Resolved:

That the next meeting take place on 19th December 2017 at 6.30pm at the Brewhouse and 21st March 2018 at 6.30pm at the Coltman VC Room, Town Hall, Burton upon Trent.

Chairman