

## **Update from Scrutiny Chairman to Cabinet: 18 October 2016**

This report provides an update on the following scrutiny meetings:

Scrutiny Committee – 30 September 2016

Great Yarmouth and Waveney Joint Health Scrutiny Committee – 7 October 2016

Health Scrutiny Committee – 12 October 2016

## **Scrutiny Committee – 30 September 2016**

The Scrutiny Committee met on 30 September 2016, when it considered and made recommendations in respect of the following items:

### **Norfolk and Suffolk Devolution Proposals**

1. At Agenda Item 5, the Committee considered the Norfolk and Suffolk Devolution Proposals and consultation arrangements. In light of the evidence received the Committee agreed:
  - a. To thank the Leader, Officers and representatives from the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership (NALEP) for providing evidence to the Committee.
  - b. To acknowledge the substantial efforts and patience of all involved in getting the deal to this point, notwithstanding changing goal-posts and timescales.
  - c. To recommend to the Leader and Assistant Chief Executive that the following issues should be clarified in an information bulletin to Scrutiny for the next meeting on 3 November 2016:
    - i. an estimate of paid officer time put into devolution work;
    - ii. the cost of the devolution consultation work in Suffolk;
    - iii. clarification of the meaning of the statement in paragraph 42 of the report at <http://committeeminutes.suffolk.gov.uk/LoadDocument.aspx?rID=0900271181da3976>  
*“In relation to Mayoral costs the agreed intention of the Constituent Authorities is that the £25 million per annum funding allocation will be invested so as to leverage additional financial benefit for the Combined Authority which will, after an initial investment period, exceed the Mayoral costs arising from the creation of a Combined Authority”.*
    - iv. a high level business plan which provides:
      - an outline estimate of the costs of setting up and running the Mayoral Combined Authority, including election costs;
      - greater clarity as to how the funding associated with the deal will be used and which funding elements are money not previously allocated to Suffolk or Norfolk;
      - the anticipated financial leverage achievable from the deal;

- v. an indication of what impact the deal will have on how tax is currently raised and spent in Suffolk and Norfolk;
  - vi. an outline of the direction of “the journey” following the agreement of the first deal;
  - vii. clarity as to the circumstances in which an elected mayor would have power to over-rule majority decisions of the Combined Authority;
  - viii. honesty about the potential impact of the devolution deal on existing local government structures;
  - ix. the measures being taken to mitigate risk.
- d. To recommend that, should all authorities consent to the draft Orders for the Mayoral Combined Authority (MCA), the Scrutiny Committee should consider matters relating to the establishment of the MCA, prior to its set up.
  - e. Should a Mayoral Combined Authority be established, to seek further information about how the MCA will work with NALEP to define respective roles and functions going forward.

### **Update from the Local Enterprise Partnership and the early implications of Brexit**

- 2. At Agenda Item 6, the Committee considered an update from the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership (the LEP) and explored what is known to date about potential implications for Suffolk and Norfolk of the decision to leave the EU. As a result of the evidence received, the Committee agreed:
  - a. To recommend the Local Authority work with the LEP to undertake modelling of potential opportunities and challenges for Suffolk and Norfolk as a result of Brexit, to include potential impact on the employment market.
  - b. To recommend to the Local Authority and the LEP that ongoing dialogue should take place with large business in Norfolk and Suffolk, on an individual basis, about their understanding of the potential impact of Brexit.
  - c. To request further information to include:
    - i. details of the scope of the modelling exercise;
    - ii. details of sector sizes by turnover, by numbers employed, and by existing import and export values.
  - d. To ask the Assistant Director (Strategic Development) to circulate a link to the House of Commons Library briefing on trade agreements.

### **Report of the Scrutiny Task and Finish Group on Procurement and Contract Management**

- 3. At Agenda Item 7, the Committee received the Final Report of the Scrutiny Task and Finish Group on Procurement and Contract Management. The Committee agreed:
  - a. To endorse the report and recommendations of the Task and Finish Group and to thank the Group for its work.

- b. To add items on Ipswich Wet Dock Crossing and Lowestoft Third Crossing, as separate items, to its forward work programme.
  - c. To agree further scrutiny should take place to evaluate the role of legal services in relation to procurement and contracting.
  - d. To seek further information about the schools building framework and whether there are opportunities to improve the programme by providing for early/design stage contractor involvement.
4. The minutes of the Scrutiny Committee are due to be confirmed at the next meeting on 3 November 2016.

## **Great Yarmouth and Waveney Joint Health Scrutiny Committee – 7 October 2016**

5. The Great Yarmouth and Waveney (GY&W) Joint Health Scrutiny Committee met on 7 October 2016, when it considered and made recommendations in respect of the following items:

### **Diabetes care within primary care services in Great Yarmouth and Waveney**

6. The Joint Committee commended the new model of specialist nurse care and agreed to return to the subject in a year's time. The Committee recommended that local Public Health Directors raise at national level the need for a concerted nationwide campaign of proactive advice to the public about what it means to have type 2 diabetes and what people can do to reduce their risk in terms of diet, exercise and other measures.

### **Out-of-Hospital Teams**

7. The Joint Committee expressed disappointment about the temporary closure of the Patrick Stead Hospital, Halesworth, but understood the staffing difficulties. The Committee agreed to write to the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to support the provision of an out of hospital team for the Beccles, Bungay, Kessingland and Halesworth areas. The CCG was asked to ensure that it responds to consultation about planning applications for housing, as NHS services are already under pressure in some areas.
8. The minutes of the meeting are due to be confirmed at the next meeting on 20 January 2017.

## **Health Scrutiny Committee – 12 October 2016**

9. The Health Scrutiny Committee met on 12 October 2016, when it considered and made recommendations in respect of the following items:

### **Provision of GP Services at Hopton and Stanton**

10. At Agenda Item 5, the Committee considered NHS responses to recommendations made by the Committee on 20 July 2016 in respect of current and future provision of primary care services in Hopton and Stanton. In light of the evidence received the Committee agreed:

- a. To thank NHS England, West Suffolk CCG and representatives of the GP practice for their responses to the recommendations from the previous scrutiny of this topic on 20 July 2016.
- b. To acknowledge that actions had been taken as a result of learning from the events at Hopton and Stanton, which would help inform future changes to GP practices in Suffolk.
- c. To commend the pack being prepared by West Suffolk CCG for GP practices, providing guidance on public and patient engagement and to recommend this should be shared more widely by the NHS England Area Team.
- d. To invite NHS England Area Team to provide a presentation to a future meeting on planning and funding of infrastructure for primary care services.
- e. To ask West Suffolk CCG to publish the business case for the future provision of primary care in Hopton and Stanton.

### **Ipswich and East Suffolk CCG and West Suffolk CCG - Current Financial Position**

11. At Agenda Item 6, the Committee considered the current financial position of Ipswich and East Suffolk CCG and West Suffolk CCG. In light of the evidence received, the Committee agreed:
  - a. To note that significant improvement had been made in the CCGs' financial position since the last report to the Committee in July 2016, whilst acknowledging it is only six months into the current financial year and that further work is required.
  - b. To ask that the Committee continues to be updated on the financial position of the CCGs as the year progresses.

### **Ipswich Hospital and Colchester Hospital Partnership**

12. At Agenda Item 7, the Committee received a verbal update on partnership work between Ipswich and Colchester hospitals. In light of the evidence received, the Committee agreed:
  - a. To note the update from Nick Hulme, Chief Executive, Ipswich and Colchester Hospitals, and Dr Shane Gordon, Director of Integration, on progress with the partnership to date.
  - b. To delegate authority to the Chairman of the Committee to take forward the establishment of the membership and terms of reference for a Joint Task and Finish Group with Essex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, in consultation with the Vice-Chairman and relevant members and officers from Essex County Council.
  - c. To ask members of the Committee to put forward to the Business Manager (Democratic Services) expressions of interest in serving on the Joint Committee.
13. The minutes of the Health Scrutiny Committee are due to be confirmed at the next meeting on 19 January 2017.