

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

9th September 2015

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Mrs. Farrington (Chairman), Councillor Swann (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Atkin, Mrs Coe and Mrs Patten.

Labour Group

Councillors Bambrick and Mrs Stuart.

OS/9 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Pearson (Labour Group).

OS/10 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ARISING FROM ITEMS ON AGENDA**

The Committee were informed that no declarations of interest from Members of the Council had been received.

OS/11 **QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10**

The Committee were informed that no questions from members of the Public had been received.

OS/12 **QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11**

The Committee were informed that no questions from Members of the Council had been received.

OS/13 **DOMICILIARY DENTAL PROVISION IN DERBYSHIRE**

Laura Burns, Assistant Contracts Manager (Dental & Optoms), North Midlands, NHS England, made a verbal presentation to the Committee, outlining the recent background to dental provision in the County, the current situation in this respect and the challenges being posed by an aging population. Mrs Burns referred to the limited availability of domiciliary visits and the options to facilitate access to dental services. It was confirmed that, due to funding issues, no work had been possible with regard to attracting new dental practices, despite the need to address the requirements of an expanding population, particularly in South Derbyshire.

Queries raised by Councillors relating to housebound patients, waiting lists, costs, visits, facilities at local NHS establishments, dentists practices transferring from NHS to private practice and the redeployment of NHS funds were noted and responded to.

RESOLVED:-

1.1 The Committee noted and thanked Mrs Burns for her attendance and presentation.

1.2 That the matter be revisited at the next Committee, to be held in Hilton Village Hall, when Mrs Burns will again attend, hopefully along with her GP services counterpart.

OS/14 **SECTION 106 HEALTH BASED PLANNING CONTRIBUTIONS**

The Planning Services Manager delivered a verbal update on the current situation regarding Section 106 Contributions, reporting that since the recent meeting with NHS England the position had improved, with more take up being recorded in recent planning applications.

The other issue reported to Committee related to the position regarding previously unallocated Section 106 monies. Whilst some funds on the list had now been allocated, a sizeable sum remained. Further letters had this week been issued to the relevant parties and it was hoped that, given the recent improvement in feedback, progress can be made.

RESOLVED:-

1.1 The Committee noted the update on the Section 106 Contributions matter.

1.2 That a letter be sent to the relevant Clinical Commissioning Groups on behalf of the Committee, expressing concern at the lack of provision (health and dental) in areas of the District, also offering help via the Section 106 monies.

Councillor Bambrick left the meeting at 7.05pm.

OS/15 **REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2000 (RIPA) – QUARTERLY REPORT ON USAGE**

The Director of Community and Planning Services outlined the report, emphasizing that whilst the Council has the option to use such powers, it seldom does, but is still required to submit a quarterly Nil report.

RESOLVED:-

That the internal report on the Council's use of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 be noted.

OS/16 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2015/16**

The Chair suggested two amendments to the Committee Work Programme;

- 1) To replace the Rent Arrears topic scheduled for December 2015 with Council Tax Arrears, and
- 2) Further to distribution of notes from the meeting scheduled to be held with Sky on 10th September 2015 that the Fibre Optic Works topic be removed from the Committee Work Programme.

RESOLVED:-

That the Committee Work Programme be amended accordingly.

The Meeting terminated at 7.15pm.

COUNCILLOR MRS G FARRINGTON

CHAIRMAN