

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

20th June 2018

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Swann (Chairman), Councillor Mrs Wyatt (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Atkin and Murray

Labour Group

Councillors Bambrick and Mrs Stuart

OS/1 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs Patten (Conservative Group) and Councillor Dr Pearson (Labour Group)

OS/2 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st march 2018 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

OS/3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ARISING FROM ITEMS ON AGENDA**

The Committee was informed that no declarations had been received.

OS/4 **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/5 **QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11**

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

OS/6 **SECTION 106 HEALTH ALLOCATIONS**

Mr Robert Hill, NHS Senior Primary Care Commissioning Manager, addressed the Committee, outlining the changes over the last 12 to 18 months, with the four Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) in Derbyshire in effect merging. The changes were: drawing up a Derbyshire-wide Strategy and Sustainable Transformation Plan;

updating the Estates Plan which encompassed both the larger provision and the smaller General Practices (GP). Mr Hill confirmed that a Section 106 template was now in place across Derbyshire, influenced by the South Derbyshire model. Within South Derbyshire the group of six practices work collectively in local service delivery, with pressure on the practices to work to scale, to make more effective use of resources. Recruitment into practices was cited as an ongoing issue, so Section 106 monies used flexibly in order to support those resources in place.

Councillor Atkin queried the allocation of Section 106 monies, as referred to in planning application reports. The Planning Services Manager clarified that such monies generally funded extra staff or an extension to an existing practice. Mr Hill added that the CCG's have varied responsibilities across the community, most delivered via the local GP practices. The Councillor enquired about dental provision, to which Mr Hill confirmed that this fell to NHS England, not the CCG's, although some practices do include a dental provision within the same premises.

The Chairman asked whether Section 106 monies were always used for capital investment. Mr Hill confirmed that entirely all such funds were allocated to capital projects, although some were used for larger equipment items. The Planning Services Manager added there is also an option to levy revenue, but that the generally preferred option is for capital projects.

Councillor Murray made reference to the lack of Section 106 applications in planning reports, to which Mr Hill responded that the intention was to always submit an application where the number of proposed development exceeded 20 dwellings. The Planning Services Manager confirmed that the regulations currently limited the number of contributions to one project to five, hence the concentration on the bigger developments to yield a larger Section 106 total. The officer added that the Government was due to drop the restriction on the number of contributions from July 2018.

Councillor Bambrick, noting the combined CCG approach, queried whether the pooled Section 106 funds were retained for use in South Derbyshire. Mr Hill confirmed that whilst the monies were retained by South Derbyshire, there were occasions when it was allocated to practices outside the District boundary, but benefited South Derbyshire residents that used those practices. Mr Hill added that in addition to Section 106 sums, capital funding was also available via the NHS, as used in Melbourne for example. Extended access to health services was also now available via combined hubs to cover evening and weekends, making more effective use of health premises.

Councillor Atkin queried whether a South Derbyshire Masterplan existed, to which the Planning Services Manager referred to the Local Plan, containing

details of future development, a document used by other bodies such as the CCG's and NHS to assist in future service provision planning. Mr Hill informed the Committee that the strategic planning was improving, better addressing changing needs via better working practices.

Councillor Murray raised the continuing issue of securing prompt appointments at surgeries. Mr Hill confirmed that the surgeries manage the appointment system and that local perceptions in this area often conflicted with patient experience surveys, which currently showed a 92% satisfaction with convenience. He informed Committee that a further 110 appointments capacity was due to be added into the South Derbyshire area from September 2018. However, the on-line booking system was still not being fully utilised, although, as Councillor Bambrick pointed out, not all had access to IT.

In response to queries relating to the current state of affairs regarding Section 106 applications, the Planning Services Manager confirmed that the working relationship between the CCG and South Derbyshire was working well again.

RESOLVED:-

The Committee noted the information provided.

OS/7 **REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2000 (RIPA) –
QUARTERLY REPORT ON USAGE**

RESOLVED:-

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

OS/8 **RURAL PLAY PROVISION**

The Cultural Services Manager made reference to the previous report presented to Committee, stating that the play facility audit had been delayed, but would shortly be underway with an external contractor. The contractor would visit each site, map it, identify new or missing sites, consult parish council's, assess the condition and value of the equipment, safety surfacing and signage, as well as determine the user age range, identify gaps in provision and suggest improvements in facility management, including IT systems.

Councillor Murray queried the leases and ownership details relating to play areas, due to questions being raised by parish council's as to which authority was responsible for maintenance. The Cultural Services Manager stated that the audit will include a check on leases, terms and maintenance responsibilities.

Councillor Atkin enquired as to what funding was available for any identified need in this area. The Cultural Services Manager stated that whilst there was no specific funding available, parish councils could, for example, apply to the Community Grant Scheme for funding. The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) confirmed that the aim of the audit was to provide the relevant information, identifying well maintained sites, those in need of further attention and gaps in provision across the District.

Councillor Bambrick queried the adoption process in relation to play areas in new developments. The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) confirmed that it would fall to either the District Council or the developer, via a maintenance plan, depending on the arrangements in place.

RESOLVED:-

The Committee noted the information provided and re-affirmed the November meeting of the Committee for the submission of the written report.

OS/9 **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2017/18**

RESOLVED:-

The Committee noted the Annual Report for 2017/18.

OS/10 **SETTING THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2018/19**

RESOLVED:-

The Committee considered and agreed the proposed Committee Work Programme for the 2018/19 year, as detailed in Annexe A to the report.

OS/11 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

RESOLVED:-

That, in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting as it would be likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that there would be disclosed exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in brackets after each item.

**EXEMPT QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL UNDER
COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11**

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

The Meeting terminated at 6.50pm.

COUNCILLOR S SWANN

CHAIRMAN