

EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Scrutiny (East Staffordshire Health) Committee held in the Coltman VC Room at the Town Hall, Burton upon Trent on Tuesday 27th June 2017.

Present:

Councillors S Smith (Chairman), C B Jones, Mrs J Killoran, Mrs S McGarry, Mrs S McKiernan, Mrs L Shelton and County Councillor B G Peters.

Also Present:

Councillors G Allen, E W R Barker, M T Fitzpatrick, Mrs D Florence-Jukes, D Goodfellow, G Hall, H Hall, A Johnson, R A Johnston, D C Leese, C Smith, Mrs B Toon, C Wileman and C V Whittaker.

Officers Present:

The Communities & Open Spaces Manager (Michael Hovers)

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Ms A J Legg.

75/17 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

County Councillor B G Peters advised the Chairman that he wanted to make it clarify that he was attending the meeting as both a borough Councillor and a County Councillor and that he was also a governor at the Queen's Hospital Burton.

76/17 **MINUTES**

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd March 2017 be approved and signed as a correct record.

77/17 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business brought to the committee pursuant to Rule 12.

78/17 **SCRUTINY REVIEW OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

Councillor Mrs S McKiernan gave an overview of the review of the quality and availability of mental health services in East Staffordshire.

An opportunity for questions followed.

Resolved:

That the report be approved.

79/17 **BURTON HOSPITAL FOUNDATION TRUST AND ROYAL DERBY FOUNDATION TRUST COLLABORATIVE WORKING PROPOSALS**

The Chairman advised the committee that he had invited all members of the Council to attend the meeting, as the proposals would have an effect on all residents within the borough.

Alison Wynne (Director of Strategy) from Burton Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and Gavin Boyle (Chief Executive) from Royal Derby Teaching Hospital Trust attended the meeting and gave a presentation on the collaborative working proposals.

Councillors noted that an outline business case had already been developed, which was the “mid-point” of the process and had recently been considered by the Board of Directors at both Hospitals. Joint working had already been taking place between the hospitals and with being approximately 12 miles apart, this seemed a natural progression. It was noted that working collaboratively would help to meet the challenges experienced by both organisations and that the benefits of the merger would be slightly different for Burton as they would be for Derby. By bringing the organisations together, it was felt that they would both be in a better position to protect the vital services, which locals had been campaigning to keep (such as A&E etc). Councillors noted if the proposals were to be agreed, then the merger would begin in May 2018. The collaboration options were with to merge the hospitals to form a single organisation or to keep as two separate organisations, but to manage as one. The preferred option from both Trusts was to merge and to form one single organisation, becoming a partnership of equals. This would mean Derby Teaching Hospital would acquire Burton NHS Foundation Trust Hospital, with a new name and a new board of governors etc. The proposals agreed with both STPs. The merger would help to retain and sustain staffing in both hospitals. Lots of discussions had been taking place on a regular basis between senior officers at both organisations.

The vision for the future for Burton Hospital was about sustaining a fully functioning vibrant district general hospital. It was emphasized that Community Hospitals played an important role for Derby, allowing them the opportunity to offer specialist outpatient services.

It was noted that there were plans at Derby to extend and build an additional 400 spaces for car parking. Stronger position for both hospitals. Derby hospital were cognisant of the work which East Staffs CCG were carrying out Virgin Care on improving lives programme.

An opportunity for questions followed and with the consent of the Chairman, those members of the Council present who were not members of the Committee were invited to ask questions at the meeting.

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

NOTED.

80/17 QUESTIONS

There were no questions received prior to the meeting for answer by the Leader, Deputy Leader or Officer of the Council.

81/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Following the changes to scrutiny agreed at the Council meeting held on 19th June 2017, Councillors would be informed of the dates of future scrutiny meetings in due course.

Chairman