



**REPORT of
DIRECTOR OF CUSTOMERS AND COMMUNITY**

**to
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
28 FEBRUARY 2017**

PROJECT UPDATE - MALDON HEALTH HUB

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To update Members on the future reporting process for the Maldon Health Hub Project and to recommend to Council that the Community Hospital Working Group be dissolved.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

To the Council:

- (i) that the Community Hospital Working Group is dissolved.
- (ii) that a standing item be included on the Community Services Agenda on the Maldon Health Hub Project.

3. SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 Members, at their meeting on 11 January 2017, received an update on the Maldon Health Hub Project from the Chief Executive (Minute No. 910 refers).
- 3.2 With an objective to review communications, Officers have been considering the reporting lines on the Maldon Health Hub project. At the moment this Committee receives reports, the Community Hospital Working Group is also involved together with Member representation upon the Community Services and Hospital Project Board. To streamline this process consideration has been given into dissolving the Community Hospital Working Group and re focussing activity through this committee.
- 3.3 Within the Terms of Reference of this Committee the following is included:-

To exercise on behalf of the Council the following functions:-

- Operational arrangements with the voluntary sector, schools, health and other agencies, partnerships, or authorities providing services for the community.
- The arrangements for fostering and developing close working partnerships with the Essex Police Authority, the Primary Care Organisations, the Maldon

District Citizens Advice Bureau and the Maldon and District Council for Voluntary Services.

- The monitoring of matters which adversely affect public health.

- 3.4 From the detail above it is felt the Community Services Committee is ideally placed to take a leading role in working with partners to deliver this project. Whilst the value of the Working Group is recognised there is an element of duplication. It is felt the business conducted by the Working Group could easily be incorporated within the normal business of this Committee.
- 3.5 To strengthen the above it is proposed that in future a standing item be included upon the Community Services Committee Agenda to ensure Members are regularly updated on progress relating to the project. The Agenda item may also be used as a vehicle to receive reports and this could include inviting representatives from the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) or National Health Service (NHS) as required. This Committee could report direct to Council in future making necessary recommendations as and when required.
- 3.6 On 14 February 2017 the Council issued a News Release relating to the co-ordinated approach being taken to achieve a new Health Hub. A copy of the release is included at **APPENDIX 1** for Members information. A copy of the latest project programme is attached for information at **APPENDIX 2**. It should be noted that dates shown in the project programme may change as work is being undertaken on mile stone updates and funding for 2017 / 18 has yet to be secured.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The Council continues to work with partners to progress the delivery of a new health hub for the Maldon District. The Project Board is due to meet again at the end February. It is hoped by including a standing item on the agenda for this Committee Members focus will be concentrated through the activities of this Committee.

5. IMPACT ON CORPORATE GOALS

- 5.1 Helping to deliver new healthcare facilities in Maldon is a key project set out in the Council's Corporate Plan for 2015 - 2019.

6. IMPLICATIONS

- (i) **Impact on Customers** – A new Health Hub has the potential to improve access to health care and thereby improve the health and wellbeing of residents.
- (ii) **Impact on Equalities** – The provision of a new facility will play a role in reducing health inequalities.
- (iii) **Impact on Risk** – An updated project risk register will be compiled by the new Project Manager.

- (iv) **Impact on Resources (financial)** - On conclusion of the Estates Options Appraisal work the Council will need to review the extent to which it wishes to be involved in the delivery, funding and / or ownership of a new health hub. This will required further detailed appraisal work which will require professional support and resource at the appropriate time.
- (v) **Impact on Resources (human)** – Through streamlining the reporting lines for this project duplication will be eliminated and time saving will result for Members and Officers alike.
- (vi) **Impact on the Environment** – A full environmental impact assessment will be required as part of the development of a Health Hub.

Background Papers: None.

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