

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

2017 / 18 Programme of Work

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Provision of Healthcare Services (including the Maldon Health Hub and the recruitment and retention of GPs)	Councillor S J Savage Councillor Mrs M E Thompson	Chief Executive	<p>The Committee has requested to receive updates on the progress of the Maldon Health Hub and, if necessary, meet with the agencies concerned to ensure that the project is progressing in a timely manner.</p> <p>The Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) reported at the last meeting of the Project Board that it is continuing to review a new way of supporting patients to be discharged from hospital earlier, so they can receive the care they need closer to home. Their aim is to help more people back to independence and offer them better health outcomes. The new approach has been badged Homefirst or D2A (Discharge to Assess).</p> <p>The CCG is planning a full public consultation on this in the Autumn. Should Home First be implemented and prove successful it may change the need for the “community beds” in their current form, including at St Peter’s. For this reason, the final funding application and consultation for the Maldon health hub cannot go ahead until after public views on Home First have been heard, the model introduced and potential impact on current care understood. This will result in at least two months slippage in the project plan. In the meantime, two plans for where services will go within the health hub are being developed in parallel – one model including a traditional “community bed” ward, and another where the hub might not need to make provision for beds in the current sense.</p>
	Councillor N R Pudney Councillor Mrs M E Thompson	Chief Executive	<p>The original purpose of the scrutiny was to meet with a representative from the National Health Service (NHS) England to allow for the service to account for the practice of agreeing developer contributions to mitigate the pressures on local medical centres, where such medical centres are at capacity and where the operators of such medical centres object to planning applications within their catchment areas on the grounds of incapacity. However Members raised at the June 2016 meeting, that GP surgeries had advised they were unable to take on more patients despite such contributions being made.</p> <p><u>Heybridge Surgery</u> The CCG’s Project Manager has advised that the project initiation document required to kick off the approval process for this development has been submitted to NHS England and they are awaiting confirmation on when this will be approved. Once approved this will release funding which will enable the project to go forward to Full Business Case evaluation stage.</p>

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			<p><u>Maldon Surgery</u> This development is to be located within the new Health Hub, so is contingent upon progress of this project.</p> <p><u>Dengie Surgeries</u> No further update on progress of expansion of GPs surgeries in this area was given at the last Programme Board meeting, other than the CCG are awaiting for a Project Initiation Document for development of new facilities to be developed by CCG and practices. The CCG’s Head of Primary Care and Estates agreed to follow this up and provide an update to the next Board meeting.</p> <p><u>GP Recruitment</u> There is recognised deficit in GP recruitment nationally and across the mid Essex CCG. This is exacerbated by the age profile of existing GPs.</p> <p>Mid Essex CCG are working with GPs to address the shortfall in a number of ways and will be invited to the December meeting to provide an update on progress of this work.</p>
Section 106	Councillor Mrs M E Thompson	Chief Executive	<p>The Committee asked for confirmation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrangements for collection of Section 106 contributions • trigger points, billing etc. • Sums received and held • Decision making process for allocation <p>In August 2017, the Committee considered the report of the Chief Executive providing an update on the arrangements for the collection of Section 106 contributions, trigger points and how money is billed; what sums have been received and how they are held; and what the decision making process is for the allocation of funds.</p> <p>The Committee were advised that the Council did not have a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) at this moment as evidence had to be renewed, given the delay in the approval of the Local Development Plan (LDP), and now that the LDP had been approved, that work will take place and a public examination undertaken.</p> <p>It was noted that the Committee would receive an update on Section 106 Agreements on a six monthly basis – next report due in February 2018.</p>

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Elections	Councillor Mrs M E Thompson	Chief Executive	<p>After the 2015 Elections, the Council reviewed all processes and procedures and an improvement plan was presented to the O&S in February 2016. It was agreed by the Committee that a further report on elections would be brought to the Committee in 2016 / 17, but this was deferred until after the County and General elections.</p> <p>In August 2017, the Committee received the report of the Director of Resources providing an update documenting the effectiveness of the Council’s ability to deliver both the Essex County Council Election on 4 May 2017 and the Parliamentary Election on 8 June 2017.</p> <p>The report provided detailed information regarding each of the elections, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • project planning; • registration; • polling stations and ballot box preparation; • processing of postal votes; • the count. <p>A debrief was held after each election and the conclusions detailed within the report. It was noted that there had been a number of learning and development points which had been recorded in the Action Plan and implementation of the plan would continue to help improve service delivery.</p> <p>It was noted that there had been a problems with residents receiving postal votes and the time taken for first class delivery. Members were informed that Royal Mail was holding a specific investigation into what had happened with the Council’s delivery and the results of this would be fed back to Members.</p> <p>This scrutiny topic is now complete.</p>
Planning Enforcement	Councillor M W Helm with assistance from Councillor R P F Dewick	Chief Executive	<p>The scope of the review for planning enforcement is broken down into three parts, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statutory responsibilities and Maldon District Council's Policy; • Discharge and management of planning enforcement; • Suggested changes to the management of planning enforcement. <p>It is understood that the Committee would like officers to carry out further work on this topic and the scope will be discussed as part of this agenda item.</p>

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<p>Primary school education in the District</p>	<p>Councillor Mrs M E Thompson</p>	<p>Director of Customers and Community</p>	<p>To understand the standards of education being provided in the Maldon District at primary level. The Committee was presented with a report at its meeting in January 2017 and received a presentation from education providers including Essex County Council and. The Committee agreed at this meeting that the scrutiny should be re-visited at a future date.</p> <p>Following a meeting with the scrutiny sponsor, Councillor Mrs Thompson, it has been decided to defer the item until January 2018. The decision was made following advice that Revd. Elbourne (Chelmsford Diocese) was unavailable for the October Meeting. The delay will enable both the County Council and the Church to update Members on educational performance in the Maldon District during 2017.</p>
<p>Procurement and Delivery of the 2016 / 17 Capital Programme</p>	<p>Councillor Helm</p>	<p>Director of Resources</p>	<p>The Chairman proposed a new item of scrutiny be added to the work programme to incorporate all capital projects to review whether they were being delivered on time and on budget along with any issues regarding procurement.</p> <p>See report on the agenda (October meeting) Final report to come to December 2017 meeting.</p>