

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

2017 / 18 Programme of Work

Scrutiny topic	Member Sponsor	Lead Officer	Scope of Scrutiny
<p>Provision of Healthcare Services - Maldon Health Hub and the recruitment and retention of GPs</p>	<p>Councillor S J Savage Councillor Mrs M E Thompson</p>	<p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>On 9 October Mid Essex Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) launched an engagement programme to talk about their Homefirst plans that will aim to help more people recover at home after a spell in hospital. The engagement programme will continue for ten weeks, the CCG hopes to talk to local communities and groups about the plans and gather feedback from local people on Home First. Dr Caroline Dollery, Chairperson of Mid Essex CCG has explained that: “Advances in healthcare are creating new opportunities to improve care for people. Home First is a different way of providing rehabilitation and support to help people recover after a spell in an acute hospital. "It works on the principle of people being discharged from hospital, once they are medically fit, to a place that would enable their best recovery". This place could be home, an enhanced nursing home or a community hospital bed – whatever is the most appropriate place for that person – there would not be ‘one plan for all’.</p> <p>A public information event is planned for Tuesday 7 November at the Plume School.</p> <p>An update is awaited from the Project Manager to confirm how the learning from this process will impact on the plan for delivery the Maldon Health Hub project.</p>
<p>Provision of Healthcare Services - recruitment and retention of GPs</p>	<p>Councillor N R Pudney Councillor Mrs M E Thompson</p>	<p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>The original purpose of the scrutiny was to meet with a representative from the National Health Service.</p> <p>(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 on 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>

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			<p><u>Heybridge Surgery</u> An update is awaited from the CCG’s Project Manager on delivery of the Heybridge primary care estate project.</p> <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> An update is awaited from the CCG on delivery of primary care estate projects for the Dengie Peninsula.</p> <p><u>GP Recruitment</u> Mid Essex CCG are working with GPs to address the shortfall in a number of ways and will be invited to the January 2018 meeting to provide an update on progress of this work.</p>
Section 106	Councillor Mrs M E Thompson	Chief Executive	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.
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 a review of the Council’s approach to initiating legal action on enforcement cases, sign off of that action and the Council’s approach to risk assessment on cases at the outset and as they progress.</p> <p>This will be reported at the meeting in March 2018.</p>
Primary school education in the District	Councillor Mrs M E Thompson		<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</p>

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			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.
Procurement and Delivery of the 2016 / 17 Capital Programme	Councillor Helm	Director of Resources	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. See report on the agenda (November 17 meeting).
Administration of Council River Moorings	Councillor P G L Elliott	Director of Customers and Community	It was requested that the report be brought back to the Committee to show a breakdown in the moorings and berths in the ownership of the Council, fees chargeable for each, whether they have been collected, and whether the vessels had the necessary insurance cover. The report will be prepared for the February 18 meeting of the Committee
Internal and External Communication	Cllr Savage & Cllr Heard	Corporate Leadership Team	It was requested that the report be brought back to the Committee on the Councils approach to Internal and External Comms. The scrutiny will include the cover: email system; telephone communication via the Council's contact centre; how the Council can improve the website; and include some examples of other authorities' approach to communication; and the Council's Digital strategy. The report will be prepared for the February 18 meeting of the Committee