

	<p>Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>2 October 2017</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Title</p>	<p>Member's Item – Councillor Cohen: Finchley Memorial Hospital and the One Public Estate Programme</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Report of</p>	<p>Head of Governance</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wards</p>	<p>All</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Status</p>	<p>Public</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Urgent</p>	<p>No</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Key</p>	<p>No</p>
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Summary

The report informs the Performance and Committee of a Member's Item and requests instructions from the Committee.

Recommendations

1. That the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee's instructions in relation to this Member's item are requested.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

1.1 Councillor Phil Cohen has requested that a Member's Item be considered on the following matter:

The Naylor Report commissioned by the Department of Health is asking health bodies to sell off surplus estates to raise money for investment in the NHS. One approach it suggests is building accommodation for nurses and other health staff as it is very difficult to recruit them due to the lack of affordable housing in London, and this affects the quality and provision of health care for patients. This links to Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs) being advanced by the NHS in the North Central London area, where councils like Barnet are being asked to give their support but have little say in what the NHS does eg selling off its estates.

For example, there appear to have been discussions about the future of land around Finchley Memorial Hospital, on the One Public Estate Programme which involves the council, Barnet Clinical Commissioning Group and other health bodies. Emails recently obtained under Freedom of Information state that, 'At the OPE Board meeting last week, John Hooton pressed for action on FMH and a timetable to move the OPE project forward (development of part of the open space land for housing.) He also pressed for action on utilisation of the hospital. It would be useful to look at a plan to see if there is any conflict between the OPE project and your proposed enforcement action.'

The 'enforcement action' is thought to relate to previous proposals to use the land as playing fields for local schools and residents, which was thought to be a condition of planning permission but never provided. In reply to questions by email from Cllr Phil Cohen Mr Hooton replied that, 'The NHS are part of this (One Public Estate programme) and it has been very difficult to get any progress on what is going on with their land in the Borough. We know that Finchley MH is under-utilised, the site at Edgware could be used differently which would free up land for other uses and I have been pressing them to get on with it.' He said there were several options for using the FMH land and at present there was little further information.

I would like the CCG, Mr Hooton and others involved in the OPE programme to give evidence to the committee to find out if there are plans to build much-needed accommodation for nurses, doctors and other NHS staff, how much would be affordable and what the implications are for the future provision of health care in Barnet.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

No recommendations have been made. The Committee are therefore requested to give consideration and provide instruction.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

3.1 Not applicable.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 Post decision implementation will depend on the decision taken by the Committee.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

5.1.1 As and when issues raised through a Member's Item are progressed, they will need to be evaluated against the Corporate Plan and other relevant policies.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

5.2.1 None in the context of this report.

5.3 Social Value

5.3.1 None in the context of this report.

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

The Council's Constitution Meeting Procedure Rules (section 6) states that a Member, including appointed substitute Members of a Committee may have one item only on an agenda that he/she serves. Members items must be within the term of reference of the decision making body which will consider the item.

5.4.1 There are no legal references in the context of this report.

5.5 Risk Management

5.5.1 None in the context of this report.

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

5.6.1 Member's Items allow Members of a Committee to bring a wide range of issues to the attention of a Committee in accordance with the Council's Constitution. All of these issues must be considered for their equalities and diversity implications.

5.7 Consultation and Engagement

5.7.1 None in the context of this report.

5.8 Insight

5.8.1 None.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 Email to the Governance Service dated 20 September 2017