



# **Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee** 9 February 2015

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Title	Member's Item – East Barnet Health Centre
Report of	Head of Governance
Wards	All
Status	Public
Enclosures	Appendix A - East Barnet Health Centre improvement works – update for building users
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**Summary**The report informs the Health Overview and Scrutiny 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 Cllr Amy Trevethan has requested that a Member's Item be considered on the following matter:

#### 1.2 East Barnet Health Centre:

Could the committee be provided with an update on what is happening with the East Barnet Health Centre which is still closed and boarded up almost 5 months after it was supposed to re-open following asbestos removal works. In particular could the committee be told:

- When will the health centre be re-opened?
- Why has work on the asbestos caused damage to the building and will whoever carried out the work be penalised?
- Who owns the freehold land of this site and what role do they have in this process?
- Who will carry out the assessment of the different options set out in the statement from NHS Property Services (see below)?
- If there is to be 'total refurbishment' or 'a brand new building' how long will that take and what happens to patients who use the health centre in the meantime?
- Why has there apparently been no work taking place on the site for months, according to local residents?
- Can categorical assurance be given that this estate will not be placed on the market for sale, and not be used for any other purpose than as a health centre?

#### 2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 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 Legal and Constitutional References
- 5.3.1 The Council's (Constitution Meeting Procedure Rules, Section 6) illustrates 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.
- 5.3.2 Clinical Commissioning Groups are required following the implementation of the Health and Social Care Act (2012) to provide primary medical services.
- 5.4 Risk Management
- 5.4.1 None in the context of this report.
- 5.5 Equalities and Diversity
- 5.5.1 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. 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. In considering the issue itself and deciding whether to provide any instructions members are required by s149 of the Equality Act to have due regard to:
  - **6.** The Council is required to comply with its public sector equality duty as set out in the Equality Act 2010 which is to give due regard to the matters set out in \$149:

the need to-

- (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
- (b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- (c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

The relevant protected characteristics are—

age;

disability;

gender reassignment;

pregnancy and maternity;

race:

religion or belief;

sex;

sexual orientation

## 6.1 **Consultation and Engagement**

6.1.1 None in the context of this report.

### 7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 Email to Governance Team Leader, dated 22 January 2015.