

Meeting	Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date	9 May 2013
Subject	Member's Item
Report of Summary	Scrutiny Office This report informs the Committee of a Member's Item and requests instructions from the Committee.

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Status (public or exempt)	Public
Wards Affected	All
Key Decision	N/A
Reason for urgency / exemption from call-in	N/A
Function of Enclosures	Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee Appendix A – Health Overview and Scrutiny Framework Effective Scrutiny for Better Outcomes
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1. RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 The Committee's instructions on the Members' Item are requested.

2. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS

2.1 None.

3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committees/Sub-Committees must ensure that the work of Scrutiny is reflective of the Council's priorities.

3.2 The three priority outcomes set out in the 2012/13 Corporate Plan are: –

- Better services with less money
- Sharing opportunities, sharing responsibilities
- A successful London suburb

3.3 The work of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee supports the Corporate Plan 2012/13 objective of supporting residents to live healthy and independent lives through its role as a "critical Friend" reviewing the provision of health and social care services by the council and health partners as they seek to deliver the Health and Well-being Strategy, promoting prevention and the integrated commissioning of services.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

4.1 None in the context of this report.

5. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

5.1 Equality and diversity issues are a mandatory consideration in decision-making in the council pursuant to the Equality Act 2010. This means the council and all other organisations acting on its behalf must have due regard to the equality duties when exercising a public function. The broad purpose of this duty is to integrate considerations of equality and good relations into day to day business requiring equality considerations to be reflected into the design of policies and the delivery of services and for these to be kept under review. Health partners as relevant public bodies must similarly discharge their duties under the Equality Act 2010 and consideration of equalities issues should therefore form part of their reports.

5.2 In addition to the Terms of Reference of the Committee, and in so far as relating to matters within its remit, the role of the Committee is to perform the Overview and Scrutiny role in relation to:

- The Council's leadership role in relation to diversity and inclusiveness; and

- The fulfilment of the Council's duties as employer including recruitment and retention, personnel, pensions and payroll services, staff development, equalities and health and safety.

6. USE OF RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS (Finance, Procurement, Performance & Value for Money, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

6.1 None in the context of this report.

7. LEGAL ISSUES

7.1 Section 244 of the National Health Service Act 2006 and Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013/218; Part 4 Health Scrutiny by Local Authorities provides for the establishment of Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees by local authorities.

8. CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS (Relevant section from the Constitution, Key/Non-Key Decision)

8.1 Council Constitution, Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules – sets out the terms of reference of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee which includes:

- i) To perform the overview and scrutiny role in relation to health issues which impact upon the residents of the London Borough of Barnet and the functions services and activities of the National Health Service (NHS) and NHS bodies located within the London Borough of Barnet and in other areas.
- ii) To make reports and recommendations to the Executive, Health and Well-Being Board and/or other relevant authorities on health issues which affect or may affect the borough and its residents.
- iii) To receive, consider and respond to reports and consultations from the NHS Commissioning Board, Barnet Clinical Commissioning Group, Barnet Health and Well-Being Board and/or other health bodies.

8.2 Council Constitution, Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, Paragraph 8.1 states that "Any member of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee shall be entitled to give notice to the Head of Governance that he/she wishes an item relevant to the functions of the Committee to be included on the agenda for the next available meeting of the Committee. On receipt of such a request, the Head of Governance will ensure that the item is included on the next available agenda".

9. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

9.1 Councillor Geof Cooke has requested that a Member's Item be brought to the committee in relation to bus services at Finchley Memorial Hospital. Councillor Cooke has requested an update on discussions between the

relevant NHS body and Transport for London (TfL) regarding the need for a bus service calling at Finchley Memorial Hospital in view of the distance from existing stops including the distance from the entrance in Granville Road to the hospital building. In particular, he has requested that consideration be given to providing a service by a small hopper type bus similar to that operating elsewhere in the borough.

- 9.2 Councillor Cooke has also requested an update any previous consideration by the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on bus services in the context of reorganisation of health services between Barnet Hospital and Chase Farm Hospital, in particular the complete lack of any direct TfL service from any part of Barnet to Chase Farm.
- 9.3 The Committees instructions are requested in relation to the requests outlined at 9.1 and 9.2 above. Members are requested to take into account the Health Overview and Scrutiny Framework Effective Scrutiny for Better Outcomes attached at Appendix A when determining the most appropriate route for this request.

10. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 10.1 None.