

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 19th October 2010 at Retford Town Hall

Present:

Councillor J W Holland (Chair)

Councillors: S A Greaves, I Jones, S May, J W Ogle, G A N Oxby, D R Pressley,
Mrs M W Quigley, J B Rickells, J Scott, Mrs A Simpson and Miss M Stokes.

Officers: G Blenkinsop, L Dore, C Forster, M Ladyman, S Pearson, N Taylor,
R Theakstone.

Others present: Councillor M G Pugsley
P Mettam, D Fores, Dr P Foster – NHS Bassetlaw

Standards Committee Member: Mr G Law

55. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P C Offer and A Rhodes.

56. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

(a) Members

There were no declarations of interest by Members.

(b) Officers

There were no declarations of interest by officers.

57. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21ST SEPTEMBER 2010

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 21st September 2010 be approved.

58. MINUTES FOR ACTION AND IMPLEMENTATION

RESOLVED that the Minutes for Action and Implementation be received.

59. OUTSTANDING MINUTES LIST

RESOLVED that the Outstanding Minutes List be received.

SECTION A – ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION IN PUBLIC

60. PRESENTATION BY NHS BASSETLAW AND DONCASTER – CLINICAL SERVICES REVIEW

The Chairman welcomed Phil Mettam, Director of Strategy and Delivery, Dr Phillip Foster, Medical Director and Local GP, and Debra Fores, Director of Corporate Services to the meeting. They were in attendance to provide information to the Committee and to answer

queries from Members about the Clinical Services Review being undertaken by NHS Bassetlaw and Doncaster.

Each in turn presented slides which detailed: why changes needed to be made, who is leading the work, what the principles of the review are, the planned outcome, proposals for patient pathways, modernising emergency care, modernising in-patient medical services, modernising out-patient services, modernising planned surgery, modernising childrens' and maternity services, the implications for Bassetlaw Hospital/Doncaster Royal Infirmary/Mexborough Montague Hospital and other local NHS facilities, the process of Consultation.

It was confirmed several times throughout the presentation that Bassetlaw Hospital will not close, the Accident and Emergency Department at Bassetlaw Hospital will not close and that babies will continue to be born at Bassetlaw Hospital. The presentation to the Committee is part of pre-consultation and engagement taking place between 8th October and 10th November 2010. Findings are to be fed into the final consultation document that supports the formal ninety day consultation which will commence late in 2010. The consultation will involve public, patients, staff, GPs, clinicians, partner organisations, media and local politicians.

In response to questions from Members, the Committee was advised that: the consultation will provide the opportunity for comment on dedicated transport arrangements for the public between the three hospital sites; an integrated Accident and Emergency department will provide care from a single clinical team working across the three hospital sites; national policy directives determine which hospitals receive serious and complex cases, therefore, stroke cases will be taken directly to Doncaster and heart cases to Sheffield for specialised treatment; changes can be expected for paediatric care and the recommendations will be included in the review for comment; while the changes have not been costed through, the proposals should cost no more to the taxpayer; the new proposals aim to bring an improved efficiency to the service, e.g. a patient will spend three days in hospital instead of three weeks; financial savings from the hospitals budgets will be put out into the community; GP budgets will need good control and the GP's will need to work closely with social care groups; GP's support the changes relating to gastrointestinal and orthopaedic services; all GP's have been involved in the review process including GP's outside Bassetlaw who use the services within Bassetlaw; it is intended that intensive care facilities will remain available but this will be considered over the next two years as part of the developmental process following the review.

It was clarified that ten GP's, (five from Bassetlaw and five from Doncaster), six or seven consultants from different parts of the hospital service and an independent company to assist in facilitating the review were involved in the process. The review has been clinically led and representatives from the regional Strategic Health Authority and National Clinical Assessment team are overseeing the proposals. The proposals included in the review have been tested by an independent clinical team.

The Chairman thanked Phil Mettam, Dr Phillip Foster and Debra Fores for their presentation and for reassuring the Committee regarding the future of Bassetlaw Hospital.

RESOLVED that the presentation be received.

(Councillors S A Greaves and D R Pressley left the meeting at this point).

Key Decisions

61. KEY DECISIONS OF CABINET – 5TH OCTOBER 2010

- (a) Minute No 67(a) – Bassetlaw/s Local Development Framework: Update (Key Decision No 237)

RESOLVED that Minute No 67(a) of the Cabinet meeting held on 5th October 2010 be endorsed.

- (b) Minute 68(a) – North Derbyshire and Bassetlaw Housing Market Area – Local Investment Plan (Key Decision No 157)

RESOLVED that Minute No 68(a) of the Cabinet meeting held on 5th October 2010 be endorsed.

- (c) Minute No 69(a) – Internal Audit Service (Key Decision No 269)

RESOLVED that Minute No 69(a) of the Cabinet meeting held on 5th October 2010 be endorsed.

- (d) Minute No 70(a) – Children and Young People’s Issues (Key Decision No 266)

RESOLVED that Minute No 70(a) of the Cabinet meeting held on 5th October 2010 be endorsed.

Other Decisions

62. WAIVE OF CALL-IN

None.

63. REFERRAL(S) FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

None.

64. POSSIBLE CALL IN OF DECISIONS MADE BY CABINET – 5TH OCTOBER 2010 OR BY CABINET MEMBERS

None.

65. REPORT(S) OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

- (a) Forward Plan – October 2010 to January 2011

RESOLVED that the Forward Plan for the period October 2010 to January 2011 be noted.

66. REPORT(S) OF THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

- (a) Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Annual Overview of the Work Programme

Members were presented with a report, which provided an annual overview of the work programme of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee during 2009/10 and also gave an outline of the work programme for 2010/11. Details of key successes were listed within the report. Examples of outcomes from post-scrutiny monitoring of previous reviews were appended to the report.

RESOLVED that the report be noted and referred to full Council in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

(b) Overview and Scrutiny Committee Programme 2010/11

The Head of Community Engagement and Performance informed Members of the robust meeting programme for the Committee during 2010/11. A copy was appended to the report.

The report advised that the programme may be subject to change should additional reports/presentations be required, or if presentations needed to be re-arranged for alternative dates. Members were also advised to contact the Policy and Scrutiny Unit should they have any queries regarding future meetings.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

67. SELECT PANEL REPORTS

a) Scrutiny Select Panel 2 – Response from Cabinet

A report was presented to inform Members of the Cabinet response to Select Panel 2, which reviewed Land and Buildings in Disrepair including empty homes.

All twelve recommendations from the review were agreed by Cabinet, although Cabinet had commented with reference to the Strategic Housing Unit, that the recommendation to explore funding opportunities with the Government Office for the East Midlands (GOEM), should now be undertaken with the Sub-Regional Housing Market Assessment Board as GOEM will cease to exist under new Coalition arrangements.

RESOLVED that:

1. The response from Cabinet to the Select Panel recommendations be noted.
2. Progress on the recommendations be reviewed for two years.

b) Scrutiny Select Panels and Health Panel Update 2010/11

The Head of Community Engagement and Performance advised that each Panel was on schedule with its specific review. The reports detailed the progress of each Panel to date.

RESOLVED that the update reports be noted.

68. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

RESOLVED that, in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, and after considering the public interest test as set out by the officer in the body of the report, Members agreed that the following items of business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3, and therefore, in accordance with Section 100A of the Act, the press and public be excluded from the meeting:

Agenda Item No. 14: Key Decisions of Cabinet – 5th October 2010 – Exempt Paragraph 3

SECTION B - ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION IN PRIVATE

Key Decisions

69. KEY DECISIONS OF CABINET 5TH OCTOBER 2010

a) ICT Contract Review (Key Decision No 273)

Members were asked to consider the decision made by Cabinet regarding the extension of the current ICT contract with the current provider.

RESOLVED that Minute No 77(a) of the Cabinet meeting held on 5th October 2010 be endorsed.

Other Decisions

70. WAIVE OF CALL IN

None.

71. POSSIBLE CALL IN OF DECISIONS MADE BY CABINET – 5TH OCTOBER 2010 OR BY CABINET MEMBERS

None.

72. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT

As there was no other business to be discussed, the Chairman closed the meeting.