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**SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL**  
**HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22 OCTOBER 2020**

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**Present:** Councillors Bogle (Chair), White (Vice-Chair), Professor Margetts, Noon, Payne, Guthrie and Houghton

**Apologies:** Councillors Laurent and Vaughan

10. **APOLOGIES AND CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP (IF ANY)**

It was noted that following receipt of the temporary resignation of Councillors Laurent and Vaughan from the Panel, the Service Director – Legal and Business Operations, acting under delegated powers, had appointed Councillor Guthrie and Houghton to replace them for the purposes of this meeting.

11. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING)**

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes for the Panel meeting on 3 September 2020 be approved and signed as a correct record.

12. **HAMPSHIRE TOGETHER: MODERNISING OUR HOSPITALS AND HEALTH SERVICES**

The Panel considered the report of the Managing Director, North and Mid Hampshire – Hampshire and Isle of Wight Partnership of CCGs, West Hampshire CCG and the Chief Executive of Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust providing an overview of the Hampshire Together: Modernising our Hospitals and Health Services programme.

Ruth Colburn-Jackson - Managing Director, North & Mid Hampshire, Hampshire & Isle of Wight Partnership of Clinical Commissioning Groups; Dr Matt Nisbet - Clinical lead, Business and Partnerships, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Partnership of CCGs; Alex Whitfield, Chief Executive, Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust; Dr Lara Alloway - Chief Medical Officer, Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust; Elliot Nichols - Associate Director, Communications and Engagement, Hampshire Hospitals Foundation Trust;; John Boyman - Head of Public Relations, Hampshire Together and Duncan Linning-Karp – Divisional Director of Operations, UHS were in attendance and, with the consent of the Chair, addressed the meeting.

The Panel received a presentation detailing the current demands on the service, the need for change and the potential options to change that had been set out in the report.

The potential scrutiny process for the modernisation of the hospitals and services involved was set out to the Panel at the meeting. It was noted that should neighbouring authorities consider that the changes did constitute a substantial change/variation in service then a joint scrutiny panel would be required. It was further explained that the Panel would need to recommend that Council appoint representatives to any such joint committee.

**RESOLVED** that the Panel

(1) Noted the report.

- (2) Considered the proposals set out in the report and decided that the proposed changes did constitute a substantial change/variation in service.
- (3) Recommended that Southampton City Council would take part in any Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee with neighbouring local authorities to consider and be consulted formally on the proposed changes to the service.

13. **COVID-19 PLANNING**

The Panel considered and noted the verbal update presented by the Public Health Consultant, representing the Interim Director of Public Health on Covid-19 planning in Southampton.

Amy McCullough – Public Health Consultant and Cllr Fielker – Cabinet Member for Health & Adult Care were in attendance and, with the consent of the Chair, addressed the meeting.

The Panel were briefed on a number of issues including:

- Potential measures to contain any outbreak;
- The development of and testing outbreak plans with schools and universities in the City;
- The establishment of the walk in testing facilities;
- The turn around time for results of testing; and
- Numbers of confirmed cases within the City.

14. **NHS FINANCIAL REGIME FOR 2020/21**

The Panel considered and noted the report of the Managing Director, NHS Southampton City CCG, outlining the financial regime for the NHS in 2020/21.

James Rimmer – Managing Director, NHS Southampton City CCG was in attendance and, with the consent of the Chair, addressed the meeting.

The Panel discussed a number of points including:

- Potential increases in health costs in the City;
- The potential costs of Long Covid on the system; and
- Future funding streams and allocations for the NHS both nationally and regionally

15. **CCG REFORM IN HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT**

The Panel considered and noted the report of the Clinical Chair, NHS Southampton City CCG, on CCG reforms in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

Dr Mark Kelsey – Chair, NHS Southampton City CCG and James Rimmer - Managing Director, NHS Southampton City CCG were in attendance and, with the consent of the Chair, addressed the meeting.

The Panel discussed and noted that:

- The boards of six Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) across the region but, not including the Portsmouth CCG, had agreed to develop a business case to merge and create a new CCG for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight;

- That the potential merger was under consideration by NHS England for approval;
- Should NHS England support the merger then additional work would be undertaken to establish the structure and governance of the new CCG, with the aim of establishing an Integrated Care System (ICS);
- There were benefits of increased cooperation and that best practice employed within the City of Southampton, particularly relating to the integration of health and care services, would continue and could potentially be used as the template for working across the new organisation; and
- There would be a Southampton based team within a newly formed CCG that would be responsive to the needs of the City.