

		AGENDA ITEM 8
		HOPSC/33/17
Committee:	Health Overview Policy and Scrutiny Committee	
Date:	13 December 2017	
MID AND SOUTH ESSEX SUSTAINABILITY AND TRANSFORMATION PARTNERSHIP – UPDATE ON ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT HOSC		
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Action required:

- (i) Note the launch on 30 November 2017 of a formal public consultation by the Mid and South Essex Sustainability and Transformation Partnership on proposals to reconfigure certain services;
- (ii) Agree the Committee's representation on a proposed Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be established with Southend Borough Council (and possibly Thurrock Council);
- (iii) Support the ongoing discussions between Essex and Southend councillors and officers to progress matters.
- (iv) Note that any final proposed Terms of Reference for the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be presented to the Committee for endorsement in due course.

Background

On 30 November 2017 the five clinical commissioning groups in mid and south Essex launched a formal public consultation on outline plans for the future of health and care services. A copy of the press release announcing the launch is attached as **Appendix A** to this report.

The HOSC was given the opportunity to comment on presentational matters in relation to the public consultation. It received a confidential earlier draft of the consultation document earlier in the month and made comments on making the content as engaging and accessible as possible, utilising all types of communication channels and working with stakeholders to maximise public engagement during the consultation period.

In October 2017, in anticipation of the above launch, the HOSC approved in principle to establish a Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee with Southend-on-Sea Borough Council and Thurrock Council to review service changes

and proposals arising from the Mid and South Essex Sustainability and Transformation Partnership.

Southend People Scrutiny Committee has also agreed in principle to the establishment of a Joint Committee. To date, Thurrock Health & Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee has not resolved to join a Joint Committee and instead resolved that officers should explore the most appropriate way for the three authorities to co-ordinate their approach to the STP.

An indicative draft Terms of Reference was also noted at the October meeting. This was based upon a previously agreed regional template which has been substantially used by Essex (and others) for previous joint committees established with neighbouring authorities. Discussions continue to finalise a Terms of Reference document which will need to be endorsed by all participating local authorities.

The finalised Terms of Reference will define a lead authority for the Joint Committee (including chairmanship and associated lead officer support). It would be expected that lead authority arrangements would rotate between the participating authorities over the course of a long-standing joint committee. It has been provisionally agreed by the Essex HOSC Chairman and Vice Chairmen that Southend-on-Sea Borough Council should be the lead authority to begin with.

Membership

Both Essex and Southend HOSC have decided upon their proposed nominations to serve on this joint HOSC. The proposed HOSC nominees to serve on the Joint HOSC:

Councillor Jo Beavis
Councillor Beverly Egan
Councillor Dr Richard Moore
Councillor Stephen Robinson

Substitute members: Councillors Jenny Chandler and Jill Reeves.
