

# HOSC/21/17

**Committee** Health Overview and Scrutiny

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## **Terms of Reference and Membership**

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Article 10 of the Council's Constitution sets out the Committee's terms of reference, and is reproduced below:

### **'10.1 Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

*The Council will appoint a Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to discharge the functions conferred on the Council by statute to review and scrutinise, and receive referrals in connection with, any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of the health service in its area and such other matters as are identified in 10.3 below.*

### **10.2 Membership**

*16 members (including up to 4 non-voting co-opted members appointed by, and at the invitation of, the Committee on the nomination of other Essex local authorities).*

### **10.3 Roles and Functions**

*The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee will have the following roles and functions:*

*(i) to review and scrutinise the totality of local services planned and provided including the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board as part of their wider responsibility to seek health improvements and reduce health inequalities for their area and its inhabitants;*

*(ii) to refer contested proposals for major service changes to the Secretary of State;*

*(iii) to scrutinise the social care services provided or commissioned by NHS bodies exercising local authority functions under section 31 of the Health Act 1999;*

*(iv) to review or scrutinise health services commissioned or delivered in the Council's area within the framework set out below:*

- (a) arrangements to secure hospital and community health services to the inhabitants of the Council's area;*
- (b) the provision of such services to those inhabitants;*
- (c) the provision of family health services, personal medical services, personal dental services, pharmacy and NHS ophthalmic services;*
- (d) the public health arrangements in the area; e.g. arrangements for the surveillance of, and response to, outbreaks of communicable disease or the provision of specialist health promotion services;*
- (e) the planning of health services, including plans made in co-operation with local authorities setting out a strategy for improving both the health of the local population and the provision of health care to that population; and*
- (f) the arrangements made by NHS bodies for consulting and involving patients and the public;*

*(v) to review and scrutinise the totality of local services including social services, planned and provided as part of their wider responsibilities to seek health improvements and reduce health inequalities; and*

- (vi) to act as consultee to an NHS body within the remitted area on issues of:*
- (a) substantial developments of the health service in the Council's area; and*
  - (b) any proposals to make any substantial variation to the provision of such services.*

#### **10.4 Proceedings of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

*The Committee will conduct its proceedings in accordance with the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rules contained within Part 4 of this Constitution.'*

Please note that Article 10.5 refers to the Outer North East London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (ONEL JHOSC) is established by the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees having health responsibilities of the London Borough Councils of Barking and Dagenham, Havering, Redbridge and Waltham Forest in accordance with section 190 – 191 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and consequential amendments and the Local Authority (Overview and Scrutiny Committees Health Scrutiny Functions) Regulations 2002. This County Council through the Cabinet Member nominates one member to the ONEL JHOSC, who is Councillor Chris Pond.

#### **Action required by the Committee:**

**To note the Committee's terms of reference as set out in the Council's Constitution.**

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