

**Minutes of the meeting of the Health Overview Policy and Scrutiny Committee,  
held in County Hall, Chelmsford on Thursday 7 April 2022 at 10:30am**

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**Present**

Cllr Dave Harris (Chairman)

Cllr Jaymey McIvor

Cllr David Carter (Co-opted)

Cllr Anthony McQuiggan

Cllr Luke Mackenzie

Cllr Clive Souter (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr Mike Mackrory (substitute)

Cllr Mike Steptoe

Cllr Bob Massey

**Apologies**

Cllr Mark Cory

Cllr Carlie Mayes

Cllr Martin Foley

Sharon Westfield-de-Cortez (Healthwatch Essex)

**Remote Attendees**

Cllr Jeff Henry

Cllr June Lumley

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The following officers were supporting the meeting:

- Richard Buttress, Democratic Services Manager
- Jasmine Carswell, Democratic Services Officer.

**1. Membership, apologies and declarations**

Apologies were received from Cllr Cory, Cllr Foley, Cllr Mayes and Sharon Westfield-de-Cortez. Cllr Mackrory was acting as a substitute for Cllr Cory.

**2. Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3 March 2022 were approved by the Committee as an accurate record.

**3. Questions from the public**

No questions from members of the public were received.

**4. Hospital redevelopment at Princess Alexandra Hospital**

The Chairman welcomed Michael Meredith, Director of Strategy and Estates at the Princess Alexandra Hospital to meeting.

The Committee received the following update covering the following key issues:

- Work to build a new hospital in Harlow has been ongoing for many years
- The current Princess Alexandra Hospital is significantly aged in terms of infrastructure
- More than 200 drawings of the new hospital are complete

- New hospital is part of the New Hospital Programme, the priorities of which are to complete hospitals already under construction
- Programme business case is scheduled to be completed in Spring, and hopefully signed off by the Treasury at the end of Autumn
- There is a national review being undertaken of all hospitals in the New Hospital Programme
- Current design of new hospital allows increase of 20% without impacting patient flows
- PAH are looking to reduce face to face appointments by 70%, mixed with virtual outpatient appointments
- Currently developing a strategic transport plan for Harlow and Epping
- It is hoped the new hospital will be the first all electrical hospital in the UK, using both solar panels and heat pumps
- Currently planning to have 1700 parking spaces at the new hospital, but expectation will be that people travel to the new hospital via public transport
- Completion date of new hospital is now 2028 at the earliest
- There are good political and social alignment around the plans for the new hospital which is helpful
- All current services will move over to the new hospital, but they will not be creating specialist services
- Will maintain current hospital as part of ongoing maintenance programme and undertake repairs where necessary
- Current hospital is operationally inefficient e.g., takes a long time to move patients around the hospital. The hospital is delivering 21<sup>st</sup> century care in a 1960's building
- A new full maternity suite will be in the new hospital, likely to be the single biggest area over two floors
- Also planning a retail offer – core retail in the central area of the hospital and also exploring a pop-up area for local vendors
- The land for the new hospital is in EFDC's Local Plan to be allocated as a site for a new hospital. Price has been agreed but commercial terms haven't been agreed yet.

After discussion, it was **Resolved** that:

- i) Exact date for submission of planning to be confirmed
- ii) Once programme business case is completed, a further update can be provided in terms of 2028 target completion date
- iii) Once plans have been approved, they will be presented to the Committee
- iv) A further update to be provided in October 2022

## 5. Chairman's Report

The Committee noted the information update within the Chairman's report.

## 6. Member Updates

The following updates were provided to the Committee:

The committee were informed that with regard Section 106 monies specifically for the health service, it is the expectation that the health service themselves request use of such funds.

## **7. Work Programme**

The Committee noted the current work programme, and the following comments were made:

- A request for a breakdown of providers that fall within the HOSC's remit
- Re-add Digital Inclusion item to the Work Programme

## **8. Date of next meeting**

To note that the next committee meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday 9 June 2022 at 10:30am.

## **9. Urgent business**

No urgent business received.

## **10. Urgent exempt business**

No urgent exempt business received.

The meeting closed at 11:34am.

**Chairman**