

Report to Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Date of meeting: 27 January 2022

Portfolio: Community & Regulatory (Councillor A Patel)

Subject: Forthcoming changes to the delivery and organisation of health services and the associated role of the local authority

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Recommendations/Decisions Required:

To receive a presentation from Dr Rob Gerlis (Chairman, West Essex Clinical Commissioning Group) and Peter Wightman (Managing Director, WE CCG) detailing the development of the Integrated Care System, what the changes mean for Epping Forest and the important part the District Council can play.

Report:

Effective from 1 April 2022, changes will see the abolition of NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups and creation of Integrated Care Systems (ICSs). ICSs are partnerships that bring providers and commissioners of NHS services across a geographical area – in this instance Hertfordshire and West Essex – together with local authorities and other local partners to collectively plan health and care services to meet the needs of the local population.

The ICSs will have two statutory parts – an Integrated Care Board (ICB), responsible for NHS strategic planning and allocation decisions, and an Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) bringing together a wider set of system partners to develop a plan to address the broader health, public health and social care needs of the local population.

A key premise of ICS policy is that much of the activity to integrate care and improve population health will be driven by partners collaborating at a local level, often referred to as 'places', and through teams delivering services together on even smaller footprints, usually referred to as 'neighbourhoods'.

The Hertfordshire & West Essex ICS will have three of these 'places' – two in Herts and one for West Essex.

The West Essex 'place' is known as the One Health & Care Partnership, the principal members of which are: the local NHS organisations; Essex County Council; Epping Forest, Harlow and Uttlesford District Councils; and the voluntary sector.

The presentation will detail what the changes mean for Epping Forest and the important part the District Council can play.

Reason for decision: To provide Members with an update on the One Health & Care Partnership

Options considered and rejected: Not to provide an update to Members

Consultation undertaken: None

Resource implications: None

Legal and Governance Implications: None

Safer, Cleaner, Greener Implications: None

Background Papers: None

Impact Assessments:

Risk Management:

Equality: