

## **ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – TERMS OF REFERENCE**

### **10.1 Health 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) 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.

(vii) to review and scrutinise:

(a) sport and the 2012 Games Legacy

(b) Registrar's Service

(c) the Coroner's Service.

#### **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.

## **MEMBERSHIP OF HEALTH OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (12)**

(7 Con : 1 UKIP: 2 Lab: 1 LD: 1 NA)

Chairman:

Jillian Reeves

Dave Blackwell

Keith Bobbin

Penny Channer

Margaret Fisher

Ricki Gadsby

Keith Gibbs

Dave Harris

Eddie Johnson

Sue Lissimore

Malcolm Maddocks

Jillian Reeves

Andy Wood

*Conservative Subs:*

Ann Brown

Ray Howard

*Labour Sub:*

Ivan Henderson

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Lib Dem Sub:

Theresa Higgins]