

COUNCIL BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Better Care Together - Consultation

27 June 2013

Report of the Chief Executive

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To ask Members to consider a variation to the consultation process, as requested by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, with regard to responding to the Better Care Together consultation.

This report is public.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (1) **That the Committee considers the information in this report in relation to the proposal of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.**

1.0 Introduction and background

- 1.1 At the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting, held on 20th March 2013, the Committee received a pre-engagement presentation from representatives of Lancashire North Clinical Commissioning Group, GP and Lancashire North Clinical Commissioning Group Patient and Public Lead and University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust.
- 1.2 The pre-engagement presentation on 'Better Care Together' provided information on a review of local health services that was being undertaken by the Lancashire North and Cumbria Clinical Commissioning Groups and the University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust.
- 1.3 The presentation informed how health professionals in the area will consider how the different parts of the health service can work more effectively to ensure individual patients can receive the most appropriate and quality care.
- 1.4 Members were advised that the public engagement exercise that was taking place included in depth interviews with staff, group discussions with patients and relatives, postal surveys, web surveys and discussions with patients who had advised of negative experiences. The engagement focused on 4 main areas namely, unplanned care, planned care, maternity and children and young people's care.
- 1.5 Once this engagement was complete the health professionals would consider the different options available and a full public consultation would take place later in the year.

1.6 It was noted that the City Council would be consulted as a stakeholder and it was hoped that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee would take an active role in the consultation process.

2.0 The Proposals

2.1 Following consideration of the presentation the Overview and Scrutiny Committee asked for a report to be submitted to this Committee to request authorisation to be given to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee undertaking preparatory work to assist in the response of the Council Business Committee on the 'Better Care Together' consultation.

2.2 Council Business Committee is asked to consider this request.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT

(including Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)

None.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct legal implications. The proposal complies with the requirements of the Council's Constitution and agreed decision making processes.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications to the Council.

OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Human Resources:

None.

Information Services:

None.

Property:

None.

Open Spaces:

None.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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