

HEALTH SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 10 July 2018 at 6.30 p.m.

MP702 - Town Hall Mulberry Place

This meeting is open to the public to attend.

Members:

Chair: Councillor Kahar Chowdhury

Vice-Chair: (to be decided at this meeting).

Councillor Peter Golds, Councillor Muhammad Harun, Councillor Gabriela Salva Macallan, Councillor Eve McQuillan and Councillor Kyrsten Perry

Substitutes:

Councillor Faroque Ahmed, Councillor Asma Islam, Councillor Mohammed Pappu and Councillor Andrew Wood

Co-opted Members:

David Burbidge

(Healthwatch Tower Hamlets Representative)

(1 vacant position)

[The quorum for this body is 3 voting Members]

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 1. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS** **5 - 8**

To note any declarations of interest made by Members, including those restricting Members from voting on the questions detailed in Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act, 1992. See attached note from the Monitoring Officer.
- 2. TERMS OF REFERENCE** **9 - 14**

For noting.
- 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S)** **15 - 20**

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Health Scrutiny Panel held on 5 March 2018.
- 4. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR**
- 4.1 APPOINTMENT OF INEL JHOSC REPS**
- 5. INTRODUCTIONS FROM KEY PARTNERS**
- 6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
- 7. WORK PROGRAMMING WORKSHOP - PRIVATE SESSION**

This will be a private work planning session between officers of the Council and Members of the Committee.

Next Meeting of the Sub-Committee

The next meeting of the Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee will be held on Thursday, 20 September 2018 at 6.30 p.m. in MP702 - Town Hall Mulberry Place

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Agenda Item 1

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS - NOTE FROM THE MONITORING OFFICER

This note is for guidance only. For further details please consult the Members' Code of Conduct at Part 5.1 of the Council's Constitution.

Please note that the question of whether a Member has an interest in any matter, and whether or not that interest is a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, is for that Member to decide. Advice is available from officers as listed below but they cannot make the decision for the Member. If in doubt as to the nature of an interest it is advisable to seek advice **prior** to attending a meeting.

Interests and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs)

You have an interest in any business of the authority where that business relates to or is likely to affect any of the persons, bodies or matters listed in section 4.1 (a) of the Code of Conduct; and might reasonably be regarded as affecting the well-being or financial position of yourself, a member of your family or a person with whom you have a close association, to a greater extent than the majority of other council tax payers, ratepayers or inhabitants of the ward affected.

You must notify the Monitoring Officer in writing of any such interest, for inclusion in the Register of Members' Interests which is available for public inspection and on the Council's Website.

Once you have recorded an interest in the Register, you are not then required to declare that interest at each meeting where the business is discussed, unless the interest is a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI).

A DPI is defined in Regulations as a pecuniary interest of any of the descriptions listed at **Appendix A** overleaf. Please note that a Member's DPIs include his/her own relevant interests and also those of his/her spouse or civil partner; or a person with whom the Member is living as husband and wife; or a person with whom the Member is living as if they were civil partners; if the Member is aware that that other person has the interest.

Effect of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest on participation at meetings

Where you have a DPI in any business of the Council you must, unless you have obtained a dispensation from the authority's Monitoring Officer following consideration by the Dispensations Sub-Committee of the Standards Advisory Committee:-

- not seek to improperly influence a decision about that business; and
- not exercise executive functions in relation to that business.

If you are present at a meeting where that business is discussed, you must:-

- Disclose to the meeting the existence and nature of the interest at the start of the meeting or when the interest becomes apparent, if later; and
- Leave the room (including any public viewing area) for the duration of consideration and decision on the item and not seek to influence the debate or decision

When declaring a DPI, Members should specify the nature of the interest and the agenda item to which the interest relates. This procedure is designed to assist the public's understanding of the meeting and to enable a full record to be made in the minutes of the meeting.

Where you have a DPI in any business of the authority which is not included in the Member's register of interests and you attend a meeting of the authority at which the business is considered, in addition to disclosing the interest to that meeting, you must also within 28 days notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest for inclusion in the Register.

Further advice

For further advice please contact:


Asmat Hussain, Corporate Director of Governance & Monitoring Officer,
Telephone Number: 020 7364 4800

APPENDIX A: Definition of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

(Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, Reg 2 and Schedule)

| Subject | Prescribed description |
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| Employment, office, trade, profession or vacation | Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain. |
| Sponsorship | <p>Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the relevant authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by the Member in carrying out duties as a member, or towards the election expenses of the Member.</p> <p>This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.</p> |
| Contracts | <p>Any contract which is made between the relevant person (or a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest) and the relevant authority—</p> <p>(a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and</p> <p>(b) which has not been fully discharged.</p> |
| Land | Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the relevant authority. |
| Licences | Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the relevant authority for a month or longer. |
| Corporate tenancies | <p>Any tenancy where (to the Member's knowledge)—</p> <p>(a) the landlord is the relevant authority; and</p> <p>(b) the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest.</p> |
| Securities | <p>Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where—</p> <p>(a) that body (to the Member's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the relevant authority; and</p> <p>(b) either—</p> <p>(i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or</p> <p>(ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.</p> |

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| <p>Non-Executive Report of the:</p> <p>Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee</p> <p>10 July 2018</p> |  |
| <p>Report of: Asmat Hussain – Corporate Director of Governance</p> | <p>Classification: Unrestricted</p> |
| <p>Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee, Terms of Reference, Quorum, Membership and Dates of Meetings 2018/19.</p> | |

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| Originating Officer(s) | Rushena Miah – Committee Services Officer |
| Wards affected | All |

Executive Summary

This report sets out the Terms of Reference, Quorum, Membership and Dates of meetings of the Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee for the Municipal Year 2018/19 for the information of the Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee.

Recommendations:

The Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee is recommended to:

1. Note the Terms of Reference, Quorum, Membership and Dates of future meetings as set out in Appendices 1 and 2 of this report.

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 This report is for information of the Committee and no specific decisions are required.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 Not applicable to this report.

3. DETAILS OF THE REPORT

- 3.1 At the Annual General Meeting of the full Council held on 23 May 2018, the Authority approved the review of proportionality, establishment of the Committees and Panels of the Council and appointment of Members.

3.2 Traditionally following the Annual General Meeting of the Council at the start of the Municipal Year, at which various committees are established, that those committees note their Terms of Reference, Dates of meetings, Quorum and Membership for the forthcoming Municipal Year. These are set out in Appendix 1 and 2 of the report.

3.3 Meetings are scheduled to take place at 6.30pm.

4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None specific to this report.

5. OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None specific to this report.

6. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

6.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

7. COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES

7.1 The terms of reference cover the point of the functions of the committee and who will be appointed to consider matters relating to health within the council area

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- None

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Terms of Reference and Dates of Meetings.
- Appendix 2 – Membership of the Committee.

Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended)

List of “Background Papers” used in the preparation of this report

List any background documents not already in the public domain including officer contact information.

- These must be sent to Democratic Services with the report
- State NONE if none.

Officer contact details for documents:

Or state N/A

Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee Terms of Reference

1. Establishment

- 1.1 The Council's Constitution states that the Annual Council Meeting will establish "such other Committees/ Sub-Committees as it considers appropriate to deal with matters which are neither Executive Functions nor reserved to the Council".
- 1.2 The Constitution refers to the establishment of "a standing Sub-Committee to discharge the Council's functions under the National Health Service Act 2006 and the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013.
- 1.3 At the Annual General Meeting of the Council, held on 23 May 2018 the nominations were received the Municipal Year 2018/19 with a membership numbering 6, and an allocation of places in accordance with overall proportionality requirements as follows: five Majority Group Members (Labour) and one Minority Group Member (Conservative).

2. Terms of Reference and Quorum

- 2.1 The Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee will undertake the Council's functions under the National Health Service Act 2006 and associated Regulations and consider matters relating to the local health service as provided by the NHS and other bodies including the Council:
 - (a) To review and scrutinise matters relating to the health service within the Council's area and make reports and recommendations in accordance with any regulations made thereunder;
 - (b) To respond to consultation exercises undertaken by an NHS body; and
 - (c) To question appropriate officers of local NHS bodies in relation to the policies adopted and the provision of the services.
- 2.2 The quorum will be 3 voting members.
- 2.3 The Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee will meet at least 4 times a year.

The following dates have been identified for 2018/19 meetings:

- 10 July 2018
- 20 September 2018
- 4 December 2018
- 12 February 2019
- 30 April 2019

Appendix 1 – Terms of Reference and Dates of Meetings.

3. Reports

- 3.1 The Sub-Committee will report to Council, Cabinet or the appropriate Cabinet member and make recommendations, as appropriate. All reports and/or recommendations of Scrutiny Sub-Committees shall first be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee before being reported to Council, Cabinet or the appropriate Cabinet member, as appropriate.

4. Proceedings of Scrutiny Sub-Committees

- 4.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee and its Scrutiny Sub-Committees will generally meet in public and conduct their proceedings in accordance with the Procedure Rules in Part 4 of the Constitution.

Appendix 2 – Membership of the Committee.

| HEALTH SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE | | | |
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| (Nominations for information – Panel to be appointed by Overview and Scrutiny Committee, six Members of the Council). | | | |
| Labour Group (5) | Conservative Group (1) | Ungrouped (0) | Co-opted Members |
| Councillor Eve McQuillan Councillor Gabriela Macallan Councillor Kyrsten Perry Councillor Kahar Chowdhury Councillor Muhammad HM Harun Substitutes: Councillor Faroque Mahfuz Ahmed Councillor Mohammed Pappu Councillor Asma Islam | Councillor Peter Golds Substitutes: Councillor Andrew Wood | N/A | To be appointed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as required. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be confirmed. |

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HEALTH SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE,
05/03/2018

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE HEALTH SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE

HELD AT 6.35 P.M. ON MONDAY, 5 MARCH 2018

MP701, 7TH FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5 CLOVE CRESCENT,
LONDON, E14 2BG.

| Name | Role |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| Councillor Clare Harrison | Chair, Member |
| David Burbidge | Member |

Other Councillors present:

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| Councillor Denise Jones | Cabinet Lead of Health & Adult Services |
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Officers:

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| Somen Banerjee | Director of Public Health LBTH |
| Chris Banks | Chief Executive Tower Hamlets GP Care Group CIC |
| Samantha Buckland | Prescribing Advisor NEL Commissioning Support Unit |
| Richard Fradgely | Director Integrated Care – TH CCG |
| David Jones | Divisional Director, Adult Social Care |
| Michael Keating | East London Foundation Trust |
| Daniel Kerr | Strategy Policy & Performance Officer |
| Vanessa Lodge | Director of Nursing, Central and North East London |
| Chris Lovitt | Associate Director of Public Health |
| Rushena Miah | Committee Services Officer |
| Dr Liat Sarner | Sexual Health and HIV Clinical Lead, Bart's Health |
| Sukhjit Sanghera | Public Health Programme Lead |
| Mel Simmons | |
| Jackie Sullivan | Managing Director of Hospitals-Bart's Health NHS Trust |
| Denise Radley | Corporate Director Adults, Health & Community |
| Sarah Williams | Team Leader Legal Services |

1. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no declarations of pecuniary interests.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

There was one amendment to the minutes, Denise Radley Corporate Director of Health, Adults and Community was to be noted as present.

Having made the above amendment, the minutes of the meeting on 8 January 2018 were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

3. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION:

The meeting started at 6.35pm and was inquorate throughout. The Committee Officer did not receive apologies from Members. The Chair decided to continue with the meeting in order to hear updates from officers for information.

4. SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES

Members received a presentation from Chris Lovitt, Deputy Director of Public Health, on the recommissioning of sexual health services in the borough. A video on services provided was played to the Committee.

Key points from the presentation:

- Unified and seamless – that sexual health services were being provided in a more joined up way across Tower Hamlets, Newham and Waltham Forest.
- A centre of excellence would be opening in Stratford at the Sir Ludwig Guttmann centre from March 2018. It will support patients with complex needs.
- New training was developed targeted at primary care staff to provide better advice and guidance further to patient feedback.
- Patients would have greater access and choice of services for non-complex cases.
- That smart e-testing kits for sexually transmitted infections could be ordered online or collected from a GP.
- That service provision included a clinical bus that could travel to areas of need.

Discussion points:

- A Member asked when the smart kits would go online. Officer confirmed they would be launched May 2018. They could be collected from a GP practice or ordered online. They will not be available at pharmacies.
- The Pharmacy STI testing kit scheme would continue for the time being. It is envisioned that the smart kits would eventually replace the pharmacy scheme.
- Homerton Hospital in Hackney was successful in the bid to run services at St Bartholomew's Hospital.
- The erectile dysfunction clinic has moved to the Ambrose Centre. It was confirmed urology would be the first point of call for erectile dysfunction issues.
- It was noted that residents tended to go outside of the borough for sexual health services. Health officers advocated for local service take up because they provide a more holistic approach offering both testing and treatment.
- Members raised concerns about the quality of primary care for sexual health issues. They said that GP staff did not always have in-depth knowledge about complex issues and that sometimes patients felt stigmatised.
- In response it was reiterated that the training programme had been designed with those concerns in mind.

RESOLVED

To note the update.

5. PATIENT VOICE AND ENGAGEMENT

The Committee heard a presentation from Richard Fradgley, Director of Integrated Care – East London Foundation Trust and Michael Keating, Partnership Manager East London Foundation Trust, on how local statutory health partners were engaging with the community.

Context:

Tower Hamlets has been funded as a vanguard site for the past three years further to the NHS five year forward plan.

Tower Hamlets Together will join existing health partners to form an integrated health system.

Discussion points arising from the presentation:

- Members queried which partner was in charge of the managing the engagement budget. It was confirmed that as of 1 April 2018 TH CCG will be responsible for co-ordinating engagement budgets.
- Tower Hamlets Together (THT) would continue to exist and feed into the integrated care system. Under new governance arrangements, THT will be accountable to the Health and Wellbeing Board. It is collectively resourced by statutory health partners.
- Members raised concerns about the same people being engaged time and again. They wanted assurances that people would be empowered to engage so they can participate. It was suggested that provision should be made to address barriers to participation.
- That patient participation was one form of engagement and that other methods of engagement were employed.
- The complexity of picking out budget lines associated with engagement.
- Members asked if there were examples of where patient engagement has improved services. Health partners assured the Committee that there was plenty of anecdotal evidence of this however, as there was no clinical measurement of this built into the system, it was difficult to produce a case study.
- Patient engagement will be captured in the Community Health Services Outcomes Framework Year 1.
- Patient preference and clinician preference often vary. It was thought that services would see better outcomes if patient preference was taken into account.

RESOLVED:

- To note the presentation.
- To revisit patient engagement and health outcomes in the next municipal year.

6. COMMUNITY ALLIANCE AGREEMENT

Chris Banks, Chief Executive Tower Hamlets GP Care Group, provided an update on the Community Health Service Alliance Agreement which was launched in April 2017.

Questions and comments from the Committee:

- A Member asked how the Babylon Project would affect the Partnership Alliance. Mr Banks responded that online consultations were becoming increasingly popular, especially amongst the younger generation. There were risks but overall health professionals thought it was a good idea. Something similar may be reproduced in Tower Hamlets.
- One member stated that retaining the family approach and setting up long term condition groups were key to retaining a patient base, not the tariff system.

RESOLVED

To note the update.

7. NHS PRESCRIPTION CONSULTATION

The Committee heard a presentation from Samantha Buckland, Prescribing Manager NEL Commissioning Support Unit, on the NHS Prescription Consultation.

Key points from the presentation included:

- £569 million savings could be made by patients purchasing medications over the counter as opposed to via a GP prescription. This money could be reinvested into local healthcare systems.
- For many conditions the over the counter option is often cheaper than the prescribed cost.
- The consultation would be looking to review 33 conditions as opposed to medications.
- There is a risk that the Pharmacy First Scheme may be discontinued as a consequence of the consultation.
- The consultation ends on 14 March 2018. Members were encouraged to submit a response.

Comments from Members:

- Members were very concerned with the potential loss of the Pharmacy First Scheme. They said many local people relied on the service.
- It was confirmed that long term pain and associated medications would not be under review.
- Members and officers raised a point that parents must be better educated on how to treat minor ailments at home.
- Effective signposting would be required to help residents find the cheapest deal for over the counter medications.
- Readable patient leaflets on the consultation were produced and GP staff have been informed on the proposed changes.

RESOLVED

- To note the consultation.
- For committee Members to contact Daniel Kerr, Strategy, Policy and Performance Officer, if they have any comments to feed into the consultation.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

The meeting ended at 8.25 p.m.

Chair, Councillor Clare Harrisson
Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee

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