

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

21st October 2015

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Mrs. Farrington, (Chairman), Councillor Swann (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Atkin and Mrs Patten.

In Attendance

Councillor Mrs. Coyle, Councillor Roberts and Councillor Mrs. Wyatt (Conservative Group).

OS/17 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs. Coe (Conservative Group) and Councillor Bambrick, Pearson and Mrs. Stuart (Labour Group).

OS/18 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ARISING FROM ITEMS ON AGENDA**

The Committee were informed that no declarations of interest from Members of the Council had been received.

OS/19 **QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10**

The Committee were informed that no questions from members of the Public had been received.

OS/20 **QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11**

The Committee were informed that no questions from Members of the Council had been received.

OS/21 **CEMETERY SERVICE AND PROVISION OF CEMETERY SPACE**

The Cultural Services Manager presented a report to update Members on the key findings of the audit of Parish Councils provision, which had been undertaken to assist in the consideration of the future cemetery needs of the district, and to seek direction from the Committee on what steps to take next.

The key finding for committee was that the audit confirms that whilst trends for burials nationally and locally remained static or slightly upward, in the urban core, space is running out. Other areas in the district appear reasonably well catered for but in less than a year all urban core burials would need to take

place at Newhall. If it was determined that South Derbyshire District Council (SDDC) needed to build a new burial site, decisions would be sought on how to find a new site, how to finance it and also how to manage it.

Queries and comments raised by Councillors relating to the inclusion of provision in the Local Plan Part 2, the unfortunate situation of people having to go to another Parish to bury a loved one, were noted and responded to.

RESOLVED:-

1.1 The Committee noted the report and considered progress to date of the cemetery service and provision of cemetery space.

1.2 A further Cemetery Service and Provision meeting to be held to discuss the audit in more detail.

OS/22 **DOMICILIARY DENTAL PROVISION IN SOUTH DERBYSHIRE**

Laura Burns, Assistant Contracts Manager, Christine Utting, Clinical Director for Derbyshire Community Health Services and Sandra Whiston, Consultant in Dental Public Health, from NHS England, made a verbal presentation to the Committee. The presentation outlined the background to the change in dental provision which came into effect in 2006. Prior to 2006, any qualified dentist could set up a practice wherever they liked and treat as many patients as presented themselves and receive a fee for work undertaken. Due to national budget constraints, there was a reference period, which determined how many Units of Dental Activity (UDAs) each existing NHS dental practice would be allocated per annum, and many practices became fully private. NHS Primary Care Trust's inherited those dental practices that were already in existence and there were no control over where practices were situated or how much dentistry was commissioned in each area. Existing Practices undertook domiciliary care in their neighbourhood, which tended to be for relatives of patients or patients who could no longer manage to get to the surgery and many dentists also often made dentures for those in care homes and were paid a fee for this service.

When the contract changed in 2006 domiciliary care was removed as a Mandatory Service and became an Advanced Service to be commissioned in addition to the main contract held by the practice. Due to the problems with access to General Dental Services at this time, much of the activity was converted into routine dental care, and the majority of contracted domiciliary provision was lost. The current situation in this respect, with the challenges being posed by an aging population, the limited availability of domiciliary visits and the different options to facilitate access to dental services, is rapidly decreasing. It was confirmed that, due to funding issues, no work had been possible with regard to attracting new dental practices, despite the need to address the requirements of an expanding population, particularly in South Derbyshire. One of the options to try a preventative pathway, was to train staff in Care Homes, where some patients with a simpler domiciliary dental requirement, could be treated, although this alone would not be enough to

make a significant difference to the rise in need. On a local note, NHS England is currently looking at the possibility of utilising the Health Centre in Swadlincote to offer domiciliary dental provision for the most in need. Provision of dental care in general is based on a National Survey which is undertaken every 5-years, this information determines where the most deprived areas are and where the need is strongest i.e. dental decay in young children being a public issue.

Queries and comments raised by Councillors relating to housebound patients, waiting lists, costs, visits, facilities at local NHS establishments, why some areas offer more provision, where large planning applications be taken into account when monies are allocated, dentists practices transferring from NHS to private practice and the redeployment of NHS funds, were noted and responded to.

The Committee thanked Ms. Burns, Ms. Utting and Ms. Whiston for their attendance and presentation.

RESOLVED:-

1.1 That the Committee noted the presentation.

1.2 That the Chairman be invited to the 1st meeting of the Dementia Friendly Clinic Panel.

1.3 That the 5-year national Survey information be distributed to the Committee.

OS/23 **GP SURGERY PROVISION IN SOUTH DERBYSHIRE**

The Locality Manager, Mr. Robert Hill from the Southern Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group (SDCCG), made a verbal presentation to the Committee explaining that £731 Million of public money had been allocated to help deliver the five year operational plan set out in 2015/16 with particular emphasis on the following issues:-

- Better Prevention
- Empowering Patients
- Engaging Diverse Communities
- Developing New Model of Care.

SDCCG is a member of both Derby City and Derbyshire County Health & Wellbeing Boards and works closely with other organisations and local authorities to promote the integration between health and social care. The Better Care Fund (BCF) has been an important development during 2014/15 and will continue to play an important role in joining up the two services. There is less care delivered in hospitals than ever before due to more preventative services being successfully delivered through the local GP Surgeries. However more needs to be done to improve the aftercare people receive during convalescence. In order to try and combat these issues steps have

been taken to try and bring teams together under one roof, attach more services and 'skill mix' by training Nurses and Pharmacists to a higher level of care to enable Doctors to concentrate on the more pressing cases, along with the introduction of video interviews. Last year the Government announced a £1 million grant to help support improvements to existing GP surgeries and Health Centres

Queries raised by Councillors relating to the current capacity of local surgeries, waiting lists, the possibility of a Satellite Surgery in Hatton, why some areas offer more provisions than other, large Planning application with no provision, and the use of Section 106 Monies which had been allocated but not used, were noted and responded to.

The Chair of Overview & Scrutiny requested that a public meeting regarding GP surgeries be held.

Mr. Hill will feedback comments and concerns from tonight Committee meeting to both Derby City's and Derbyshire County's Health & Wellbeing Boards.

RESOLVED:-

1.1 The Committee noted and thanked Mr. Hill for his attendance and presentation.

1.2 That a public meeting be organised to which Mr. Hill will be invited to attend

OS/24 **SECTION 106 HEALTH BASED PLANNING CONTRIBUTIONS**

The Planning Services Manager delivered a verbal presentation on the current situation regarding Section 106 Contributions, reporting that since the working relationship with SDCCG and Robert Hill had started, the position had very much improved. With regards to the question about the £55k of unallocated Section 106 Money for Melbourne, by the Chair of Melbourne Parish Council, the Planning Service Manager responded that they are still awaiting information from the NHS England on the current situation. South Derbyshire District Council (SDDC) are only allowed to release funds when SDCCG has received a delivery time of the build, and completed application form is received. Mr. Robert Hill

Queries raised by Councillors relating to allocation of earmarked Section 106 money, the process of public consultation and underspend funds, were noted and responded to.

RESOLVED:-

That the Planning Service Manager would organise a meeting with Mr. Hill and nominated colleagues to concentrate on underspent Section 106 Monies.

OS/25 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2015/16**

The Chairman asked for three volunteers to take part in a Council Tax Arrears Working Group.

RESOLVED:-

That the Committee Work Programme be noted.

The Meeting terminated at 8:00pm.

COUNCILLOR MRS G FARRINGTON

CHAIRMAN