

Decision Maker: HEALTH SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE
CARE SERVICES PDS COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday 4 November 2015
Tuesday 17th November 2015

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

Title: OUR HEALTHIER SOUTH EAST LONDON - JOINT HEALTH
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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Ward: All

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 The six clinical Commissioning Groups in South East London, working with NHS England, have been working together to address key challenges facing healthcare across the six boroughs. The programme is known as "Our Healthier South East London" (OHSEL). The NHS organisations have indicated that the proposals arising from their work are likely to require public consultation, and the six boroughs are working towards establishing a joint health scrutiny committee to scrutinise the proposals. Participation in a joint health scrutiny committee requires approval from full Council.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 **That the Care Services PDS Committee recommends to Council that Bromley participates in the proposed joint health scrutiny committee on the Our Healthier South East London proposals and appoints two members to the joint committee.**

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy:
 2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council Supporting Independence:
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No Cost:
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable:
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Democratic Representation
 4. Total current budget for this head: £1,055,820
 5. Source of funding: revenue Budget 2015/16
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): N/A
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory Requirement: Arrangements for joint health scrutiny committees are set out in Sections 7 and 8 of the Health and Social Care Act 2001 and associated regulations and guidance. The Local Government Act 1972 requires full Council approval to join a joint committee.
 2. Call-in: Not Applicable: This report does not involve an executive decision
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): All residents
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: Not Applicable

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 The six Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) in South East London (Bexley, Bromley, Greenwich, Lambeth, Lewisham and Southwark) have been working with NHS England on a programme entitled “Our Healthier South East London (OHSEL). The programme aims to address key challenges facing healthcare in South East London and develop a commissioning strategy to address these challenges. An update describing the programme is attached as Appendix A. The OHSEL Programme Director has stressed that there is no intention to reduce or change Accident and Emergency provision across the six boroughs as part of this programme.
- 3.2 Officers from the six boroughs have been working with OHSEL to establish a joint health scrutiny committee to scrutinise the proposals and the consultation arrangements. This work includes preparing draft terms of reference and proposals for working arrangements for approval by Members. All six boroughs will need to follow their own constitutional arrangements to establish the committee - the aim is to have an introductory meeting if possible before Christmas, followed by around six meetings in the first part of 2016. It is proposed that two members will be appointed from each participating borough.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are limited resources across the six boroughs to support the joint committee, and any costs, which will largely involve arranging and servicing its meetings, will be shared equally between participating authorities and would have to be found from within existing budgets.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Arrangements for joint health scrutiny committees are set out in Sections 7 and 8 of the Health and Social Care Act 2001 and associated regulations and guidance. Where NHS proposals affect more than one authority any local authority overview and scrutiny committees wishing to be formally consulted have to form a joint committee through which formal scrutiny powers can be exercised. The Council does not have to join the proposed joint committee, but if it does not its scrutiny influence may be reduced. The Local Government Act 1972 requires full Council approval to join a non-executive joint committee.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Policy/Personnel
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	