

Report of the Chairman on the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

This report gives an overview of the issues considered at the 26 November 2019 meeting.

1. Access to Healthcare

- 1.1 The Committee received and noted a presentation from the Director of the North West Surrey Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) on the future direction for health services. The presentation covered the ICPs areas of focus, its priorities across 6 key programmes and the challenges for improving access to and building, sustainable primary care services.
- 1.2 The Committee also discussed and received responses to questions that members had raised regarding the new triaging and booking system which had been piloted at Shepperton Health Centre. The Committee noted that the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) had no ability to influence day to day services at GP surgeries but that the ICP had worked with the Health Centre to review the pilot. As a result of an evaluation of the pilot it was decided to discontinue it and revert to the previous booking system.
- 1.3 The Committee was reassured that neither the CCG nor ICP had plans to roll out a system similar to the one unsuccessfully trialled at Shepperton Health Centre, across Spelthorne. However, they did plan to roll out a digital practice encompassing all parts of a GP Surgery called FootFall over the next couple of years.
- 1.4 The Committee also heard from the Independent Living Senior Team Manager about the innovative approach the service had taken to enable vulnerable residents to access GPs using LIVI, with support at the Borough's Community Centres.

2. Housing and Homelessness Strategies

- 2.1 The Committee received a presentation on the development of the Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategies 2020-2025. The presentation explained the context within which the review of the Housing Strategy had taken place, the method for the review, the outcome of public consultation and the three priorities identified within the Strategy. An update was also provided on the review to date of the Homelessness Strategy and its emerging priorities.

3. Budget Issues 2020/2021 to 2021/22

- 3.1 The Committee received a presentation from the Chief Finance Officer outlining the budget process leading to approval of the budget and setting of Council tax for 2020 and pressures on the budget in future years.
- 3.2 Members noted that more detailed briefings would be provided in February 2020.

4. Financial Reports

- 4.1 The Committee received and noted the financial monitoring reports for the first six months of the financial year to the end of September 2019.

5. Capital Strategy

- 5.1 The Committee received and noted a presentation from the Property and Development Manager outlining the CIPFA requirements and need for a Capital strategy, the investment approach and acquisitions to date, current housing needs and delivery now and in the future.

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