

**A MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
WAS HELD ON 13 DECEMBER 2012**

Councillors Farr (P), Forder (Chairman) (P), Foster-Reed (P), Geddes (P), Gill, Hazel, Hylands (P), Jacobs (P), Jessop (P), Kimber, Scard (P) and Mrs Searle (P).

The Chairman announced that Dr Bob Pennells, who had assisted the Committee with its work on the Medical Services Working Group, had recently died. Accordingly, all present observed a minute's silence in memory of Dr Pennells.

23. APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were received from Councillors Gill, Hazel and Kimber.

24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

**25. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE HELD
ON 18th SEPTEMBER AND 8th OCTOBER 2012**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings held on 18th September and 8th October 2012 be approved and signed by the Chairman as true and correct records.

26. REPORTS RECEIVED

(i) THE PROMOTION OF THE BOROUGH

Consideration was given to the report by the Promotion of the Borough Working Group. The Working Group consisted of Councillors Jacobs, Scard, Hazel and Hylands. The Group had acknowledged that it could not investigate every aspect of the promotion of the Borough and had decided that it would focus on communications. Councillor Jacobs thanked the other Members of the Working Group and Lynda Dine's team for their efforts and good presentations to progress this area of work.

Members felt that more could be introduced to promote the Borough by using 4G network coverage and mobile phone applications displaying important key facts and issues. Members also suggested responsibility for social media networks be under the control of one officer at Gosport borough Council, to ensure consistency of message and technological advances. Members recognised that there was no designated officer currently in place to progress this.

RESOLVED: That officers bring a report to the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 14th March 2013 for consideration.

(ii) EDUCATION WORKING GROUP

Consideration was given to a verbal report by the Chairman on behalf of Councillor Gill and the Education Working Group. Councillor Gill had advised that he would be looking at arranging a visit to Bridgemy School in March/April of the new year.

It was noted that a visit to Brune Park Community School was yet to be scheduled, and dates for the end of January/early February would shortly be circulated.

The Chairman further advised that these visits would be open to all Members.

(iii) PROGRESS REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MEDICAL SERVICES WORKING GROUP

Consideration was given to a report by Councillor Forder on the Progress of the Overview and Scrutiny Medical Services Working Group.

Members were advised that three formal evidence gathering meetings had been held:-

- i) 19 June with the Chief Executive and Director of Communications and Public Engagement of the University Hospital Southampton NHS Trust (appendix 1 of the report).
- ii) 8 October with the Chairman and Chief Officer (Designate) of the Fareham and Gosport Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) (appendix 2 of the report). It was noted that this evidence had been gathered primarily in connection with an enquiry into the progress being made establishing the CCG, but as some of the evidence was relevant to the Vascular Surgery enquiry the record of the meeting was included in this report.
- iii) 11 October with Simon Holmes, the Medical Director of Queen Alexandra Hospital, and Graham Sutton, Consultant Vascular Surgeon (appendix 3 of the report).

Councillor Hylands advised that he had attended the CCG meeting and it had been felt that changes that were occurring within the health service should be monitored.

Councillor Scard asked whether a meeting before April could be arranged for a further update.

With regard to Council representation on the CCG Board, the Chief Executive advised that the Council would need to receive a formal request from the CCG which could then be considered by Council.

RESOLVED: That the Chairman's report be noted.

(iv) THIRD SECTOR COMPACT WORKING GROUP

Consideration was given to a verbal report by Councillor Forder on the Third Sector Compact Working Group. Members were advised that the meeting due to take place on 18th December at 5:30pm was to be postponed and rescheduled.

27. DEVELOPMENT OF A WORK PROGRAMME

A) REQUESTS FOR SCRUTINY

No requests for scrutiny were received.

B) WORK PROGRAMME

Members were directed to the work programme attached to the back of the report. No amendments to the programme were made.

C) OTHER SUGGESTIONS FOR SCRUTINY

No other suggestions for scrutiny were received.

28. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

The Meeting concluded at 6:35pm

CHAIRMAN