

**A MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
WAS HELD ON 15 MARCH 2012**

Councillors Bradley, Dickson (P), Forder (Chairman) (P), Foster-Reed (P), Geddes (P), Hylands (P), Jacobs (P), Jessop (P), Kimber (P), Scard, Mrs Searle and Miss West (P).

Also in attendance:

Julian Bowcher – Financial Services Manager  
Brenda Brooker – Press and Publicity Officer

**32. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were received on behalf of Councillors Bradley, Scard and Mrs Searle.

**33. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**34. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON 16<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2012**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2012 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

**35. REPORTS TO BE RECEIVED**

- (i) GOSPORT MEDICAL EMERGENCY AND ACCIDENT SERVICES – MINOR INJURIES UNIT (MIU)

Consideration was given to a verbal update by the Chief Executive and the Press and Publicity Officer regarding the implementation of the Gosport Medical Emergency and Accident Services – Minor Injuries Unit Working Group recommendations.

The Chief Executive advised the Committee that a meeting had been arranged with Ms Ursula Ward, Chief Executive of Portsmouth Hospital NHS Trust, on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2012 to discuss the recommendations outlined in the report. The Chief Executive informed the Committee that the Gosport Medical Emergency and Accident Services report had also been sent to Portsmouth Hospital NHS Trust.

The Press and Publicity Officer advised the Committee that new posters had been issued to all GP surgeries advising patients what could and could not be treated at the MIU. New improved signage had also been erected at the MIU making it easier to find.

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The Press and Publicity Officer advised the Committee that an article had been published in the last Coastline newsletter. The Chief Executive advised the Committee that two subsequent articles would also be published.

The Press and Publicity Officer advised the Committee that a personalised feature on one of the nurses at the MIU was to be published in Coastline, following the meeting with Ursula Ward on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

The Chairman advised the Committee that a further recommendation in the report was the use of images in promoting the MIU. The Chief Executive informed the Committee that the Council held few images on the MIU, but an outcome of the meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2012 with Portsmouth Hospital NHS Trust was to acquire more publicity images.

The Chairman thanked the Chief Executive and Press and Publicity Officer for their update.

RESOLVED: That the verbal update be noted.

(ii) GOSPORT MEDICAL EMERGENCY AND ACCIDENT SERVICES –  
VASCULAR SURGERY

Consideration was given to the initial report by the Chairman of the Committee on the Gosport Medical Emergency and Accident Services – Vascular Surgery Scrutiny Working Group.

The Chairman informed the Committee that the report was an initial report as the Working Group believed that they would revisit the issue of vascular surgery at QA Hospital at a future date. The Committee agreed that they would continue to monitor the situation with vascular surgery, especially when Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) took over from Primary Care Trusts in 2013.

The Chairman thanked those who had been involved in the scrutiny, especially Dr Bob Pennells for his continual support and knowledge, the Democratic Services Officer for their thorough research and assistance, Councillor Scard for attending a HOSP meeting and the rest of the Working Group for their constant hard work throughout the scrutiny.

The Chairman acknowledged that this was a particularly demanding and fast paced scrutiny. The Working Group had to acquire a wide range of knowledge in a short period of time, starting with the definition of vascular surgery itself.

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The Chairman proposed the following additional recommendation to the report (included in the report as paragraph 6.3, resulting in the original paragraph 6.3 to become 6.4):

*'We welcome the recognition by the Chief Executive of SHIP in her letter of 2 February 2012 that vascular surgery at QA is essential to the Hospitals future. However we are concerned that the extent and scale of this service was not defined.'*

RECOMMENDED: That the report and its conclusions, including the Chairman's additional recommendation, be recommended for approval by Full Council.

(iii) DIAL A RIDE

The Financial Services Manager updated the Committee on the most recent Dial a Ride service performance. He informed the Committee that improvements had been recorded in the last three months when compared to the same months in the previous year:

December 2011 - 38 more trips;  
January 2012 - 58 more trips; and  
February 2012 - 61 more trips.

The data for February 2012 was also the highest in terms of total number of trips since April 2010.

The Financial Services Manager informed the Committee that the Policy and Organisation Board had considered a report on the tendering of the Dial a Ride Service at the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2012. The following recommendations were approved at that meeting:

- a) the proposed 'Memorandum of Agreement for joint funding of the Gosport Dial-a-Ride service contracted through Hampshire County Council (HCC)' as detailed in Appendix A of the Manager's report be approved;
- b) the findings and recommendations of the Scrutiny of the Dial-a-Ride service undertaken by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (14 November 2011) as outlined in paragraphs 2.5 and 2.6 of the Manager's report be supported;
- c) the Dial-a-Ride Working Group (WG) be requested to meet with representatives of Hampshire County Council to take forward the tendering process and evaluation for the provision of the Gosport Dial-a-Ride service from 1 February 2013; and
- d) a performance clause should be present in the next contract. Should the performance of the Dial-a-Ride scheme not improve, then there should be the ability to reduce the service.

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The Financial Services Manager informed the Committee that he would organise a meeting between HCC and the WG to progress the tendering process.

Councillor Hylands informed the Committee that HCC Officers had understood the requests that the WG had on the tendering process and that the recommendations from Policy and Organisation Board reflected that. The WG hoped that the changes to the tendering process would widen the net for different organisations to tender for the service.

The Committee discussed the involvement of HCC in the improvements of the Dial a Ride service.

The Committee thanked the Financial Services Manager for their hard work during the scrutiny.

RESOLVED: That the discussion be noted.

(iv) **CHAIRMAN'S DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2011 - 2012**

Consideration was given to the Draft Annual Report of the Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the Municipal Year 2011 – 12.

RECOMMENDED: That the Draft Annual Report on the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the Municipal Year 2011 - 12 be presented to the Council meeting on 28th March 2012.

**36. DEVELOPMENT OF A WORK PROGRAMME**

a) REQUESTS FOR SCRUTINY

No requests had been received.

Councillor Kimber reminded the Committee that the work of Project Integra was to be completed by District Councils. A Draft Action Plan for 2012/13 had been compiled and was to be presented at the next Community Board meeting due to be held on 11 June 2012 as it needed to be approved before July 2012. Councillor Kimber requested that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee did not scrutinise the plan, as that would prevent it from being approved before the deadline. It was suggested that Project Integra / recycling could be a potential item for scrutiny in the next municipal year.

b) WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED: That the Work Programme be noted.

c) OTHER SUGGESTIONS FOR SCRUTINY

There were no other suggestions for scrutiny.

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**37. AOB**

The Chairman advised the Committee that Dr Bob Pennells, the medical advisor for both medical scrutinys undertaken in the last Municipal Year, would receive the Borough Crest for his contribution to the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee. This would be presented to him at the next full Council meeting, which was due to be held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2012. The Committee fully supported this proposal and praised Dr Pennells for his knowledge and work throughout the two scrutinys.

The Chairman thanked the Committee for its work over the Municipal Year and invited Councillors to consider future items for the Committee to scrutinise in the next Municipal Year.

The meeting ended at 6.55 p.m.

CHAIRMAN