

<b>7 September 2017</b>		<b>ITEM: 11</b>
<b>Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>		
<b>Essex, Southend and Thurrock Joint Health Scrutiny Committee on the Sustainability and Transformation Plan/Success Regime for Mid and South Essex</b>		
<b>Wards and communities affected:</b> N/A	<b>Key Decision:</b> Non Key	
<b>Report of:</b> Roger Harris, Corporate Director of Adults, Housing and Health		
<b>Accountable Head of Service:</b> N/A		
<b>Accountable Director:</b> N/A		
<b>This report is Public</b>		

## **Executive Summary**

The Thurrock Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been approached by the Essex and Southend Councils to look at the possibility of forming a Joint Committee to look at the Mid and South Essex Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) / Success Regime.

### **1. Recommendation(s)**

- 1.1 Officers continue to explore the most appropriate way for Essex, Southend and Thurrock to co-ordinate their approach to the STP and report back in due course.**

### **2. Introduction and Background**

- 2.1** The purpose of the Joint Committee would be to scrutinise the implementation of the Mid and South Essex Sustainability and Transformation Plan/Success Regime and how it would meet the needs of the local population in Essex, Southend and Thurrock.
- 2.2** The Joint Committee would act as the mandatory Joint Committee in the event that a National Health Service body is required to consult on any variation or development in this service that could affect the three local authorities.
- 2.3** The Joint Committee would consist of Members from all three authorities and consideration would need to be given to the political proportionality of those

Members. Any decision to establish such a Committee would require the approval of the General Services Committee.

2.4 Southend Council has agreed to support the setting up of a Joint Committee but the Lead Authority would need to be decided by negotiations between the three local authorities.

2.5 The Lead Authority would bear staffing costs of arranging, supporting and hosting the meetings of the Joint Committee but other costs, such as obtaining expert advice, would be apportioned between the three local authorities.

### **3. Issues, Options and Analysis of Options**

3.1 There are concerns that this is creating another layer of bureaucracy and is potentially taking power and authority away from the Thurrock Scrutiny process and as such it is not recommended by officers that we join up to this proposal at this stage.

3.2 Clearly within the regulations there is a requirement to establish a Joint Committee for service reconfigurations that cut across more than one area – e.g. review of cancer services, and this has happened in the past. However, this appears to be establishing a new and more permanent body and as such we feel requires further discussion.

3.3 Thurrock wants to continue to work with Essex and Southend to ensure that there is a strong local government voice in the various discussions relating to the STP e.g. around the sustainability of social care, improving our collective position over delayed transfers of care etc. This is why we are recommending those discussions continue and all possibilities are explored before we go ahead and join a Joint HOSC at this stage.

### **4. Reasons for Recommendation**

4.1 To allow for officers to continue joint discussions with Essex County Council and Southend Borough Council.

### **5. Consultation (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)**

5.1 N/A

### **6. Impact on corporate policies, priorities, performance and community impact**

6.1 N/A

### **7. Implications**

None

- 8. Background papers used in preparing the report** (including their location on the Council's website or identification whether any are exempt or protected by copyright):

See below

- 9. Appendices to the report**

Appendix 1 - Draft Terms of Reference

Appendix 2 - Report on "Update on Mid and South Essex Success Regime/ Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP)" presented at the Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the 3 July 2017

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