

# Scrutiny Panel

Tuesday, 16 September 2014

**Attendees:** Councillor Beverly Davies (Chairman), Councillor Marcus Harrington (Deputy Chairman), Councillor Jo Hayes (Member), Councillor Professor Peter Higgins (Member), Councillor Mike Hogg (Member), Councillor Mark Cable (Member), Councillor Chris Pearson (Member), Councillor Dominic Graham (Member)

**Substitutes:** Councillor Jackie Maclean (for Councillor Sue Lissimore)

## 16 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 August 2014 were confirmed as a correct record, subject to the inclusion of Councillor Hogg in the attendance list.

## 17 Work Programme 2014/15

**Councillor Graham (in respect of working for Holmes and Hills LLP UK representing claims against North East Essex Clinical Commissioning Group) declared their non-pecuniary interests in the following item pursuant to the provisions of Meetings General Procedure 7(5).**

**Councillor Hogg (in respect of being in receipt of Community Mental Health Trust Pension) declared their non-pecuniary interests in the following item pursuant to the provisions of Meetings General Procedure 7(5).**

Councillor Davies introduced the work programme for 2014/15 asking for contributions and suggestions from the Panel.

Councillor Davies highlighted the need for the Scrutiny Panel to be kept up to date with the key decisions coming up for the Cabinet to help to enable pre-Scrutiny. As a number of the decisions expected to be taking place in September, have been deferred until October without an explanation. This makes it difficult to schedule in pre-scrutiny into the work programme.

With regard to the Scrutiny Panel's work programme, Councillor Davies highlighted that the meeting in October would be a good opportunity to look at the Garrison Gym Cabinet report now that it had been delayed. Also on the agenda for that particular meeting is the policy behind public events in Castle Park. The Panel requested that

the policy be distributed in advance of the agenda.

For future meetings, an invitation has been sent out to Colchester Hospital University Foundation Trust to attend the Scrutiny Panel.

Councillors on the Panel then discussed the scope of questions that could be asked, and suggested that in addition to the Chief Executive attending, it would be helpful if another member of staff who had been in post for a longer period could also attend.

*RESOLVED* that:

- i) the Policy for Public Events in Castle Park be distributed to the Panel in advance of the meeting on 21 October
- ii) the Assistant Chief Executive inform all authors of key decisions placed in the forward plan keep the Scrutiny Panel updated when decision dates are altered.
- iii) the Work Programme 2014/15 be noted.