

Local Plan Committee

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Title	Presentation on Plans for Improving Health Services in North Essex		
Wards affected	All		

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 Chris Howlett (Programme Director) and Jane Mower (Estates Development Manager) at the North Essex Clinical Commissioning Group will give a presentation on plans for improving health services in North Essex, highlighting the current comprehensive approach to incorporating health into future development.

2. Recommended Decision

- 2.1 To note the presentation.

3. Reason for Recommended Decision

- 3.1 The presentation is for information only.

4. Alternative Options

- 4.1 NA

5. Background Information

- 5.1 The health service has needed to adapt to a number of challenges including the following:
- Year on year growth in demand for services outstripping increase in funding
 - Ageing population with more complex health needs
 - Population growth/housing development
 - Changing public expectation of service standards
 - Changing health needs (obesity, diabetes, COPD, mental health, dementia)
 - Workforce recruitment and retention not keeping up with demand
 - Political and structural instability

- 5.2 Chris Howlett and Jane Mower will explain to the Committee how the health services are responding to these challenges through new organisational structures and long term strategies. In particular, they will present the Hub and Spoke model of delivery that is intended to tailor the delivery of health services to the needs of local areas.
- 5.3 The process of consulting on the emerging Local Plan prompted North Essex health authorities to join together with planning authorities to co-ordinate a strategic approach to health and planning issues. A Strategic Health and Planning group of health and planning officers has been established and meets regularly to inform a comprehensive approach to a range of strategic planning and development management issues such as Garden Communities and planning obligations.

6. Equality, Diversity and Human Rights implications

- 6.1 An Equality Impact Assessment has been prepared for the Local Plan, and is available to view by clicking on this link: - <http://www.colchester.gov.uk/article/12745/Policy-and-Corporate>

7. Strategic Plan References

- 7.1 The Strategic Plan is relevant in particular in contributing towards priorities under the theme of Wellbeing:

Wellbeing- Encourage belonging, involvement and responsibility in all the borough's communities; and

Help residents adopt healthier lifestyles by enabling the provision of excellent leisure facilities and beautiful green spaces, countryside and beaches.

8. Consultation, Publicity Considerations, Financial Implications, Community Safety Implications, Health and Safety Implications and Risk Management Implications

- 8.1 There are no Consultation, Publicity Considerations, Financial Implications, Community Safety Implications, Health and Safety Implications and Risk Management Implications for the Council.