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Wednesday 7 December 2016 at 7.30 pm

Council Chamber - Civic Centre

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The Councillors listed below are requested to attend the above meeting, on the day and at the time and place stated, to consider the business set out in this agenda.

Membership

Councillor Brown
Councillor Guest (Chairman)
Councillor Hicks
Councillor Maddern

Councillor Taylor
Councillor Timmis
Councillor W Wyatt-Lowe

Outside Representatives:

Dacorum Hospital Action Group: B Harris

Contributors:

Herts Valleys Clinical Commissioning Group: Dr Trevor Fernandes.

For further information, please contact Jim Doyle (228222)

AGENDA

1. MINUTES

To confirm the minutes from the meeting held on 7 November 2016.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interest

A member with a disclosable pecuniary interest or a personal interest in a matter who attends a meeting of the authority at which the matter is considered -

- (i) must disclose the interest at the start of the meeting or when the interest becomes apparent

and, if the interest is a disclosable pecuniary interest, or a personal interest which is also prejudicial

- (ii) may not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter (and must withdraw to the public seating area) unless they have been granted a dispensation.

A member who discloses at a meeting a disclosable pecuniary interest which is not registered in the Members' Register of Interests, or is not the subject of a pending notification, must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest within 28 days of the disclosure.

Disclosable pecuniary interests, personal and prejudicial interests are defined in Part 2 of the Code of Conduct For Members

[If a member is in any doubt as to whether they have an interest which should be declared they should seek the advice of the Monitoring Officer before the start of the meeting]

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

An opportunity for members of the public to make statements or ask questions in accordance with the rules as to public participation

To consider a request from Kevin Minier and Gordon Yearwood of the Dacorum Patients' Group to speak regarding the future of acute care in Dacorum.

5. WARD ISSUES FROM OTHER COUNCILLORS

Councillors are invited to raise any issues within their Ward.

6. HERTS VALLEY CLINICAL COMMISSIONING UPDATE

To provide Members with an update since the last meeting held on Wednesday 14 September 2016.

7. WEST HERTFORDSHIRE STRATEGIC REVIEW OF HEALTH - UPDATE

Dependant on whether Senior Herts Health Authority officers are available and up to date report has been concluded.

8. WEST HERTS HOSPITAL TRUST CQC INSPECTION REPORT - UPDATE

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9. HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH LOCALISM/HEALTH WELLBEING BOARD UPDATE

Councillor W Wyatt-Lowe to provide Members with an update since the last meeting.

10. DBC REPRESENTATIVE ON HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE REPORT (Page 4)

11. HEALTH IN DACORUM COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 5 - 8)

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 1 March 2017.

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Report from HCC Health Scrutiny Meeting 8th November 2016

The health scrutiny meeting was very timely, as it fell the morning after the extra Health in Dacorum meeting where the WHHT laid out their 'preferred' option for the future of hospital care in West Herts. At that meeting, the Leader of the Council clearly stressed that a motion would be put to Dacorum Borough Council to confirm that the people of Dacorum would NOT support a new hospital to be built at Watford. All members at the Health in Dacorum meeting were in agreement.

At HCC Health Scrutiny, The WHHT representatives started the meeting by showing the presentation they had run through with Health in Dacorum the night before, and then a long discussion followed about the options of a new build at a greenfield site v a new build at Watford. I pointed out that for most of the people in West Herts, whether they were in Dacorum, St Albans, Rickmansworth, Chorleywood etc, the journey to the suggested greenfield site near Kings Langley would be easier than getting to Watford.

One of the reasons WHHT suggested that a new build at Watford was preferred, was the new road into the hospital from Bushey Arches, and the Trust members were very keen to point out that this would relieve traffic from the ring-road. I pointed out that Bushey Arches is just as busy as the ring-road and this would not help the majority of the people trying to access the hospital. Interestingly, only one other member agreed with me, and that was the representative from Croxley Green, which is just a mile or so from Watford General Hospital.

The required action on the agenda was for the committee to 'note the report', but the Chair proposed that a letter should be sent to NHS England to support a new build, and it was suggested that the letter should say that HCC would ideally like a new hospital on a greenfield site, but as this was not realistic they would support the 'preferred option' of a rebuild at Watford. I stated very clearly that this was not acceptable to Dacorum, and it should be noted that we do not and will not support any build at the Watford site.

The Chair pointed out that the committee had never had to go to a vote before, but I insisted that we would not agree, so they did indeed vote. Unfortunately the vote went 15:2 but it has been officially recorded that Dacorum does not support the proposal. Please see HCC Health Scrutiny minutes from 08.11.16 for details.

Other items on the agenda were:

- A report from ENHHT regarding an update to the response to the findings of the CQC on acute services at ENHHT. They discussed the shortage of staff and explained their methods of recruitment, which seem to be very successful. The Trust is actively recruiting from overseas, and is working with University of Herts to increase nursing training at the university.
- The committee discussed the proposed format for their annual scrutiny of quality, patient experience and finances for 2017.
- There was a report on Princess Alexandra Hospital Trust (Harlow), which was put into special measures last month. The committee discussed the fact that due to the close proximity with the border of Hertfordshire, many Herts patients use this as their nearest hospital. It was agreed that 2-3 members of HCC would participate in the discussion about the Trust.

Jan Maddern
November 2016

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Date:	Items:	Contact details:	Background information	Outcome of Discussion
05 July 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health & Localism / Health & Wellbeing Board Update 	Councillor W Wyatt – Lowe	To provide an update since the last meeting.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HCC Health Scrutiny Update 	Councillor Guest	To provide an update since the last meeting.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get, Set, Go Dacorum Project 	Ben Russell and Alex Care	To provide an update.	
	Childhood obesity	Elizabeth Biggs	To provide Members with an update since 7 th January 2015	
14 September 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health & Localism / Health & Wellbeing Board Update 	Councillor W Wyatt – Lowe	To provide an update since the last meeting.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HCC Health Scrutiny Update 	Councillor Guest	To provide an update since the last meeting.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health and Social Care Services 	Tim Hamilton	To provide an update since the last meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patient Services 	Tim Hamilton	To provide Members with an update since the last meeting.	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> West Hertfordshire Strategic Review of Health 	David Radbourne	To provide Members with an update.	
7 December 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HVCCG Update 	NHS Hertfordshire - Dr Fernandes & Interim Chief Operating Officer, Nicola Bell	To provide an update since the last meeting.	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WHHT CQC inspection report. 	Helen Brown Director at WHHT	To provide an update on the Care Quality Commission Inspection report.	
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Consideration for Future Items/Meetings:

1. TB Awareness in the UK
2. DBC Masterplan

Regular Invitees

- Cllr Harden
- Sally Marshall
- Mark Brookes