

TEWKESBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date of Meeting:	7 February 2016
Subject:	Annual Review of the Effectiveness of the Council's Involvement in the Gloucestershire Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Report of:	Graeme Simpson, Head of Corporate Services
Corporate Lead:	Mike Dawson, Chief Executive
Lead Member:	Councillor Mrs E J MacTiernan, Lead Member for Organisational Development
Number of Appendices:	None

Executive Summary:

As a member of the Gloucestershire Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee (GHCOS) Tewkesbury Borough Council has made a contribution to the running costs since 2002. At its meeting held on 5 October 2011, the Executive Committee agreed that:

- a contribution of £2,500 remain in the Council's base budget to be paid subject to the Borough Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee undertaking an annual review; and
- as well as receiving regular reports from the Council's representative, the Overview & Scrutiny Committee considers on an annual basis, the effectiveness of the Council's continued involvement in GHCOS and whether value for money is being achieved for the contribution paid;

Subject to this review, and the Overview & Scrutiny Committee being content, payment of the contribution would be authorised.

Recommendation:

- 1. To CONSIDER the effectiveness of the Council's continued involvement in the Gloucestershire Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee**
- 2. That, subject to the Committee being satisfied that value for money is being achieved, Officers be authorised to make the payment of £2,500 from the Council's base budget**

Reasons for Recommendation:

The Council continues to support its commitment to health improvement, to act as an advocate for the borough's communities, and continue working in partnership with other public bodies within the county.

Resource Implications:

The £2,500 contribution is included within the Council's budget.

Legal Implications:

None directly arising from this report.

Risk Management Implications:

Not being part of the Committee would reduce the Council's ability to influence health related issues within the borough.

In view of the fact that all other Gloucestershire districts contribute, there would be a potential reputational issue if the Council did not.

Performance Management Follow-up:

Regular feedback is given to Overview and Scrutiny Committee by the Council's representative.

Environmental Implications:

None.

1.0 INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

1.1 In 2003, when the County Council set up the then Health, Community and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee, it was agreed to involve the district councils and, since that date, all districts have made a contribution to the running costs. The contribution covers the administrative expense of running the Committee. There is wide coverage of health and care related issues and an Officer with specialist knowledge is essential for the Committee to operate effectively.

1.2 The Executive Committee, at its meeting of 1 October 2008, approved payment for three years commencing April 2008. A further report was taken to the Executive Committee on 5 October 2011, to agree a way forward, as the three year approval period had elapsed. At this meeting, Executive Committee agreed that:

- a contribution of £2,500 remain in the Council's base budget to be paid subject to the Borough Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee undertaking an annual review; and
- as well as receiving regular reports from the Council's representative, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee considers on an annual basis, the effectiveness of the Council's continued involvement in GHCOS and whether value for money is being achieved for the contribution paid.

2.0 GLOUCESTERSHIRE HEALTH AND CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

2.1 This is a County Council function but throughout it has included representatives from each District Council. It was decided that the principle behind health overview and scrutiny was to produce a model that involved cross-council co-operation and the effective joining up of the health agenda in the promotion of community development. This model is recognised nationally as best practice.

2.2 The purpose of the Committee (as described on the County's website) is : -

1. *Carry out the overview and scrutiny functions of the County Council delivering the roles set out in Article 8 of the Constitution focussing on health issues from the public's perspective including the use of task groups to carry out its overview and*

scrutiny functions. To act as a lever to improve the health and those services that impact on the health of local people, working in partnership with other agencies. To address issues of health inequalities between different groups in the community. To determine those matters referred to in Article 11.02.2 of the Constitution (joint committees concerning health service changes).

2. *Under the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013, to exercise the Council's role:*
 - *in reviewing and scrutinising matters relating to the planning, provision and*
 - *in commenting on or making a recommendation in relation to proposals for a substantial development or variation to services save that 'referral powers' to the Secretary of State remain with full Council.*
3. *Carry out the overview and scrutiny functions of the County Council delivering the roles set out in Article 8 of the Constitution in the context of all matters relating to adult social care.*

2.3 Councillor Mrs J E Day is the Tewkesbury Borough Council representative on the Committee and reports regularly to the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the activities of the Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

3.0 WORK OF THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE HEALTH AND CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

3.1 The Committee received a wealth of presentations, monitoring reports, performance reports and financial reports from organisations within the health sector. These included;

- Receiving a presentation on mental health developments within Gloucestershire.
- Presentation of an End of Life Care Strategy.
- Quarterly Adult Social Care and Public Health performance report.
- Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group performance report.
- Review of accident and emergency waiting times.
- Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust financial position.
- Presentation on Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group's Sustainability and Transformation Plan.
- Healthwatch Gloucestershire quarterly performance report.
- Update report from Director of Public Health re: sexual health remodelling, immunisation uptake, flu activity, drug and alcohol recovery service contract, healthy lifestyle contract award etc.
- Review of ambulance response times.
- Review of minor injury and illness units in Gloucestershire.
- Non-emergency patient transport system review.
- Presentation on workforce planning.

All agendas and reports can be accessed on the Gloucestershire County Council website: <http://glostext.gloucestershire.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=669&Year=0>

4.0 CONCLUSION

4.1 The GHCOS has considered a wide range of scrutiny work during 2016/17 which has contributed to improving health and care services across the whole of the county. Elements of this work impact in Tewkesbury Borough and this Council's engagement

with the Committee has allowed local views to be represented to, and considered by, the Committee in its deliberations.

4.2 Continued membership of GHCOS will allow Tewkesbury Borough Council to maintain its influence on important health issues. Through membership, this Council is able to act as an advocate for the communities in the borough.

5.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 None.

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 None.

7.0 RELEVANT COUNCIL POLICIES/STRATEGIES

7.1 Council Plan (2016-2020)

8.0 RELEVANT GOVERNMENT POLICIES

8.1 The Localism Act promotes joint working and the need for local councils to act as advocates for its communities.

9.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (Human/Property)

9.1 £2,500 annual contribution.

10.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS (Social/Community Safety/Cultural/ Economic/ Environment)

10.1 None.

11.0 IMPACT UPON (Value For Money/Equalities/E-Government/Human Rights/Health And Safety)

11.1 Involvement in GHCOS helps to identify and improve any health, care and wellbeing issues.

12.0 RELATED DECISIONS AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT FACTS

12.1 None.

Background Papers: None

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Appendices: None