

TEWKESBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date of Meeting:	11 February 2020
Subject:	Gloucestershire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 2020/21 Financial Contribution
Report of:	Head of Corporate Services
Corporate Lead:	Chief Executive
Lead Member:	Lead Member Organisational Development
Number of Appendices:	None

Executive Summary:

As a member of the Gloucestershire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Tewkesbury Borough Council has made a contribution to the running costs since 2002. The Executive Committee, at its meeting held on 5 October 2011, 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 the Gloucestershire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and whether value for money is being achieved for the contribution paid;

Subject to this review, and the Overview and 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 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 Gloucestershire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee would reduce Tewkesbury Borough Council's ability to influence health related issues within the borough.

In view of the fact that all other Gloucestershire District Councils contribute, there would be a potential reputational issue if Tewkesbury Borough 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 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. For information, following a review of scrutiny at the County, the scrutiny of adult social care and public health no longer falls within the remit of this Committee; these issues are now overseen by a new Adult Social Care and Communities Committee.

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 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:

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- 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 the Gloucestershire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and whether value for money is being achieved for the contribution paid

2.0 GLOUCESTERSHIRE HEALTH 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 Councillor Jill Smith is the Tewkesbury Borough Council representative on the Gloucestershire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and reports regularly to Tewkesbury Borough Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee on its activities. Gloucestershire County Council has verbally confirmed that other Gloucestershire District Councils all intend to continue with their contribution.

3.0 WORK OF THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

3.1 During 2019/20 the Gloucestershire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a wealth of presentations, monitoring reports, performance reports and financial reports from organisations within the health sector.

These included:

- Stroke Rehabilitation – “Enhancing the Gloucestershire Stroke Pathway”
- Gastroenterology evaluation and pilot proposals.
- Trauma and Orthopaedic pilot.
- Stroke Rehabilitation.
- Regular performance reports, for example – Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning, Gloucestershire Sustainability and Transformation, Gloucestershire Integrated Care System.
- General surgery scrutiny task group update.
- Update on pharmacies.
- Improving access to psychological therapies.
- Fit for the Future – future provision of urgent and specialist hospital care in Gloucestershire.
- Gloucestershire Workforce – overview of the workforce across the Integrated Care System. (joint meeting with Adult Social Care and Communities Scrutiny)

All agendas and reports can be accessed here:

<https://glostext.gloucestershire.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=772&Year=0>

4.0 CONCLUSION

4.1 The Gloucestershire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee has considered a wide range of scrutiny work during 2019/20 which has contributed to improving health and care services across the whole of the county. Elements of this work impacts upon Tewkesbury Borough and this Council's engagement with the Committee has allowed local views to be represented and considered by the Gloucestershire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee in its deliberations.

4.2 Continued membership of the Gloucestershire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee will allow the 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 None directly.

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 the Gloucestershire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee 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