

Note: The Chairman has agreed to admit this item of business as urgent as a nomination is required before the next meeting of the Community Services Committee.

NHS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 To invite a Member nomination to attend future meetings on NHS Overview and Scrutiny.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Social Services authorities have been given powers to undertake overview and scrutiny of the NHS in their area.
- 2.2 Essex County Council has invited Districts to participate in discussions about the objectives and methodology to be adopted in Essex. Councillor Mrs W M Stevenson was previously nominated to attend an initial meeting on 7 February, but an invitation to a further meeting on 28 March has now been received. A separate meeting is also being organised by South Essex Health Authority, likely to be held on 19 March, to which the Council has been invited to send representatives.
- 2.3 Given the importance of the NHS agenda and the potential complexity of agreeing the way in which the overview and scrutiny function will be exercised, it is anticipated that there will need to be further meetings.

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Payment of travel and subsistence allowances if necessary.

4 RECOMMENDATION

It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

- (1) To determine the Member nomination to attend meetings concerned with developing an Essex-wide approach to NHS Overview and Scrutiny.
- (2) That travel and subsistence allowances be paid if necessary.

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Background Papers:

Letter from Essex County Council.

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