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## COMMISSIONING A PATIENT-LED NHS – FORMAL CONSULTATION

### 1 SUMMARY

1.1 The Council has been invited to respond to formal consultations on the reconfiguration of health service structures relating to

- Primary Care Trust arrangements in Essex
- Strategic Health Authority arrangements in the East of England
- NHS Ambulance Trusts in England.

### 2 FORMAL CONSULTATION

2.1 This is the second stage of a consultation process which is being co-ordinated by Essex Strategic Health Authority (SHA). The “informal” consultation was considered at Policy & Finance Committee on 13 September 2005.

2.2 At that time, Members resolved to respond that *“this Council wishes to see the retention of a Primary Care Trust for Castle Point and Rochford (and specifically not a body that includes Southend) to ensure best fit with other local structures, particularly Local Strategic Partnerships, and to ensure effective communication with local people. The Council is concerned that the options appear to preclude the previously established localism agenda and would suggest that any review include partner organisations to facilitate consideration of the possibilities for rationalisation across public services.”*

2.3 In summary, views are being sought on the following proposals:

#### **Primary Care Trusts (PCT)**

- Option 1      2 PCTs; North Essex/South Essex
- Option 2      3 PCTs; Essex County/Southend/Thurrock
- Option 3      4 PCTs; North Essex/South Essex/Southend/Thurrock
- Option 4      5 PCTs; Mid Essex/North East Essex/South East Essex/  
South East Essex/West Essex

#### **Strategic Health Authority (SHA)**

- One SHA covering Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Essex, Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire.

**NHS Ambulance Trusts**

- One trust mirroring the SHA area set out above
- 2.4 Castle Point and Rochford Primary Care Trust's Director of Primary Care and Partnerships, Liz McGranahan, will be attending the Committee to brief Members on the proposals.

**3 RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 It is proposed that the Committee considers the proposals and the response that the Council should make.

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**Background Papers:-**

Letter and consultation documents from Essex Strategic Health Authority,  
14 December 2005.

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