

APPENDIX 1**CONSULTATION RESPONSES RECEIVED**Other Authorities

Southend Borough Council – welcome the proposal set up a more formal Joint Liaison arrangement between Rochford District Council, Castle Point Borough Council and Southend Borough Council. However, would like to discuss details of working arrangements and governance.

Castle Point Borough Council – happy to continue with the current informal arrangements for the time being but are currently considering their own “Fourth Option” arrangements and whether they should be replaced and will factor our proposals for more formal joint liaison arrangements into that wider discussion.

Other Key Partners

South East Essex Primary Care Trust – regard Rochford District Council’s proposals as a sensible response to the Local Government White Paper. Supportive of more formalised Joint Liaison arrangements with Southend Borough Council and Castle Point Borough Council and believe this should improve the ability of the Primary Care Trust to build further on the existing partnership arrangements.

Particularly happy with an Area Based Committee arrangement as the Trust thinks it will help them to improve linkages relating to health needs at the local level.

Welcome the proposal to establish an executive board and the potential that it would provide in identifying a key member to link with. Also supportive of the idea of member champions and the opportunity that would provide in terms of contact on specific cross cutting issues. In particular, see the new structure as helping to identify a specific member involvement in working on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment as required through the new commissioning Framework.

Local Strategic Partnership – concur with the proposed structure. However, the business community would be looking to enhance involvement with the Council through this structure.

Parish Councils

Hockley – initially some concern that the Parish had not been involved earlier in discussions given the implications for the Parish and the likely impact of the possible changes. However, further information supplied and now look forward to working with the Council on any changes.

Hullbridge – consider the proposals to represent an erosion of democracy and feel the decision has already been taken.

Rochford – supportive of the proposed changes to the political decision making structure and look forward to working with the District Council in this context.