
LOCAL GOVERNMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY OF HEALTH IN ESSEX (Minute 391/02)

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 To advise Members of a request from Community Services Committee concerning consultation arrangements on health matters with County Councillor representatives.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the Community Services Committee on 3 September, Members considered the appended report on the arrangements being put in place in Essex to undertake the new power of overview and scrutiny of health services.
- 2.2 It has been agreed by Essex County Council that four District/Borough Councillors will be co-opted onto the County Overview and Scrutiny Committee when it deals with NHS issues.
- 2.3 Following consultation meetings earlier this year, the current arrangements provide for the co-opting of District/Borough Councillors in those areas where there is not already a County Councillor on the Essex Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 2.4 As County Councillor R A Pearson is on the Committee, at present Rochford does not have a directly nominated, co-opted Member. The Association of Essex Authorities has indicated that it wishes these arrangements to be changed in future years, so that the South of the County (Rochford, Castle Point and Basildon) has a nominee, which could rotate between the Authorities.
- 2.5 There is a need to ensure that this Council's views are properly represented at the Essex Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Members of Community Services Committee felt that this could be achieved by inviting Councillor Pearson to attend this Committee on those occasions when NHS Overview & Scrutiny is on the agenda.

3 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Proposed that, this Committee **RESOLVES**

That the County Councillor representative for this area on the County's Overview & Scrutiny Committee be invited to all relevant meetings of this Council's Community Overview & Scrutiny Committee when it considers NHS overview and scrutiny. (HHHCC)

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Background Papers:

None

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