Central Area Committee Update

At the last meeting of this Committee, a number of issues were raised that required further investigation:-

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12/07 (Minute 307/07, 354/07 and 93/08)	The possibility of opening a route for horses on the western side of Clements Hall to come out at Hawkwell Park Drive and join the bridleway to Park Gardens. (Issue raised by Ashingdon Parish Council representative during the Community Forum item)	This work is well in hand; about 95% of the ground work is complete. There has been an issue to resolve as to why the ground is so wet. We are trying to determine that there are no leaking water pipes in the area affecting the ground.	Albert Bugeja Rochford District Council 01702 318130
1/10 (Minute 16(1)/10)	The timeframe associated with the introduction of a primary care centre within the Rochford District. (Issue raised by District Councillor during NHS Spotlight Item)	There have been considerable changes in the outlook for public finances since the original consultation on the NHS South East Essex Strategic Plan. The Plan has been revised to reflect these changes in the financial situation and the primary care centre for the Rochford District is now scheduled for after 2014.	Ian Stidston NHS South East Essex 01702 224600
2/10 (Minute 16(1)/10 and 63/10)	Work that has been done on access to dentistry and comparisons between units of dental activity (UDA) within the Southend Borough and the Rochford District and the implementation of a fair allocation of resources across the District (Issue raised by residents during	The location of the existing dental practices is historic; they have established themselves in areas of their choice without input from the PCT With additional funding from the Strategic Health Authority the PCT have been able to commission new services in Rochford, Hockley and Leigh; all areas of low provision. The PCT has committed to an increase in dental	lan Stidston NHS South East Essex 01702 224600

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	NHS Spotlight Item and Community Forum)	activity commissioned to provide an additional 19,000 UDAs commissioned across the locality.	
		UDA/1000 Population (permanent allocation) 2009/10:-	
		Rochford District Council 0.67	
		Southend Borough Council 1.21	
		Castle Point Borough Council 1.66	
		Planned UDA/1000 Population (permanent allocation) 2010/11:-	
		Rochford District Council 0.78	
		Southend Borough 1.32	
		Castle Point Borough Council 1.66	
		During 2010/2011 the PCT will conduct a patient needs assessment/analyse the provision of services by each provider taking into account the residential population and that planned for the next few years, to determine further future commissioning within the dental budget.	
		At this stage the PCT has approved plans for further commissioning in the centre/east of Southend (an area of poor provision) and is reviewing services delivered in Rochford District	

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		with a view to increase provision further.	
3/10 (Minute 16(1)/10)	The possibilities around an annual report card specifying progress made and delivered to the community raised at a previous meeting. (Issue raised by District Councillor during NHS Spotlight Item)	NHS South East Essex has initiated a report format for its population. It is suggested that the report will be split between Castle Point, Rochford District and Southend. The report card should be seen as dynamic and be flexible to add information to as it is developed. Suggestions for areas included in the report are dental activity commissioned (see above), investment in GP estates, extended access commissioned in General Practice, average cost/patient for GP services. For example:- Extended Access – Additional GP Appointments commissioned every year/1000 population – 2009/10 Rochford Southend Castle Point 139 108 138 It is anticipated that the first version of this report will be available at the end of July.	Ian Stidston NHS South East Essex 01702 224600
4/10 (Minute 17/10)	The Head of Environmental Services, in consultation with the two local Ward Members, should determine the location of a bench	A new bench is now in position adjacent to the oak tree.	Richard Evans Rochford District Council 01702 318044

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	seat in the Clements Hall grounds.		
11/10 (Minute 63/10)	Rochford District Council has launched the Friends of Sweyne Park Project. Would the Council be interested in launching the Friends of Hockley Woods? (Issue raised by a resident during the Community Forum)	Friends Groups are in place for both Sweyne Park and Cherry Orchard and are proving an invaluable method of engaging with local residents. Once these groups become established and progress is made with the issues identified, there is the prospect of launching a group for Hockley Woods. Unfortunately there are not sufficient resources available to facilitate any further groups at this time.	Richard Evans Rochford District Council 01702 318044
12/10 (Minute 63/10)	The Committee lends its support to Hawkwell Parish Council in suggesting to Network Rail that, whilst undertaking shrub clearance works at the railway embankment adjacent to Magnolia Road between Lincoln Road and Rochford Rugby Club, it would be beneficial if there was also clearance of the ditch at the front of the embankment. The poor state of the chain link fence on the White Hart Lane railway bridge to also be raised with Network Rail. (Issue raised by Members during the Community Forum)	This matter has been raised with Network Rail.	Albert Bugeja Rochford District Council 01702 318130

At the last meeting of this Committee, a number of highway issues were raised that required further investigation:-

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H14/09 (Minute 300/09)	Speeding traffic in White Hart Lane from the public open space to the Royal British Legion. (Issue raised by a resident during the community forum)	A temporary Vehicle Activated Sign has been installed on 3 rd June for two weeks as part of the rolling programme for this year.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
H5/10 (Minute 63/10)	Rear of Print Shop in Hawkwell Park Drive – large shrubs blocking grass verge and large wooden shelving deposits. Covered building material on grass verge outside adjacent property and high levels of rubbish under a large shrub further along. Also, concern at size of free growing buddleia at front of Print Shop. (Issue raised by a resident during the community forum).	This matter is being looked at by both ECC and RDC as the concerns raised are on the highway as well as within the property boundary. Ideally it should be the owner who should be responsible for tidying the site.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
H6/10 (Minute 63/10)	Problems of vehicles parking on Hawkwell Park Drive at junction of Main Road – meaning it is difficult to see vehicles entering the drive from the Main Road. There have been accidents at this location. Could there be lines on the road? Could the Indian Restaurant be approached about allowing some	An initial site visit has been carried out but on that occasion there was no parking. Accident statistics have been requested to see if parking is a contributory factor at this location. Private arrangements for parking is a matter for the individual businesses concerned not Essex County Council	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540

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of the Doctor's patients to use some of their spaces?		
(Issue raised by a resident during the community forum).		
Litter around edges of car parking area for shops at bottom of White Hart Hill.	The parking area at the shops is not highway but privately owned	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
(Issue raised by a resident during the community forum).		
Public footpath notice is down at Windsor Gardens end in direction of Hawkwell Village Hall and footpath is impassable due to erosion of ploughed fields onto footpath. No bridleway notice by Magee's Nursery indicating a bridle path. No notice for bridle/footpath that runs rear of playing fields then alongside Clements Hall House through to Victor Gardens.	The Public Rights of Way (PROW) network was re-signed and some surfacing carried out earlier this year which has since been checked and is satisfactory. It appears that the path alongside the field though used by many is not on the definitive PROW network	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
(Issue raised by a resident during the community forum).		
Poor state of Hawkwell Parade and associated public safety issues.	As item H8/10 above	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
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H10/10 (Minute 63/10)	Why residents asking for improvements to facilities are not consulted on changes to requested locations – the new crossing on Main Road, Hockley has been located south of Thorpe Road and not in the requested area for children walking to school between Thorpe Road and Tudor Way. (Issue raised by a resident during the community forum).	The notice advertising this scheme was posted throughout December inviting interested parties for their comments. Since the crossing has been installed Essex County Council has received many letters and calls of "thanks". The site was proposed by the Parish and local supporters	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540