

Internal Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on Friday, 13 November 2020

Electoral Division affected:
Chorley Central; Chorley North; Chorley Rural East; Chorley Rural West; Chorley South; Clayton with Whittle; Euxton, Buckshaw & Astley; Hoghton with Wheelton; Leyland Central; Leyland South; Lostock Hall & Bamber Bridge; Moss Side & Farington; Penwortham East & Walton-le-Dale; Penwortham West; Preston Central East; Preston Central West; Preston City; Preston East; Preston North; Preston Rural; Preston South East; Preston South West; Preston West; South Ribble East; South Ribble West;

Task and Finish Group Request - Health Scrutiny Committee

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

This report sets out the request from the Health Scrutiny Committee for a task and finish group to be established to review the forthcoming proposals from the local NHS on the future of Chorley and South Ribble A&E.

Recommendation

The Internal Scrutiny Committee is recommended to approve the task and finish group request.

Background and Advice

The Full Council, at its meeting on 16 July 2020, agreed the terms of reference for the Overview and Scrutiny Committees for the municipal year 201820/21. Part of the

terms of reference for the Internal Scrutiny Committee is to consider requests from the other Overview and Scrutiny Committees on the establishment of task and finish groups.

A request has been received from the Health Scrutiny Committee to establish a task and finish group to review the forthcoming proposals from the local NHS on the future of Chorley and South Ribble A&E. The request is set out at Appendix 'A'.

The task and finish group would be established on the basis of four conservatives, two labour and one liberal democrat/independent member with the two co-opted members from Chorley Council and South Ribble Council also being appointed.

In accordance with Regulations¹ on 27 January 2020, notification was received from the Senior Responsible Officer for the Our Health Our Care programme inviting formal comments from the Health Scrutiny function on the local NHS' proposals for the future of Chorley and South Ribble A&E by 30 November 2020. Since then work on the programme and subsequent public consultation has been delayed in response to the pandemic. It is the intention of the local NHS to provide a revised formal notification for a new timeline with which the Health Scrutiny function will be able to make formal comments on the forthcoming proposals. In the meantime and in the interests of expediency the Internal Scrutiny Committee is recommended to approve the task and finish group request.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

This report has no significant risk implications.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

¹ Regulation 23 of The Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2013/218/regulation/23/made>