

**MEETING OF THE  
JOINT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
TO REVIEW HEALTHCARE FOR LONDON  
FRIDAY 25 APRIL 2008**

**Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, Council Chamber,  
Kensington Town Hall, Hornton Street, W8 7NX**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr Richard Cornelius - London Borough of Barnet  
Cllr David Hurt – London Borough of Bexley  
Cllr Carole Hubbard – London Borough of Bromley  
Cllr David Abrahams – London Borough of Camden  
Cllr Ken Ayers - City of London  
Cllr Graham Bass - London Borough of Croydon  
Cllr Mark Reen - London Borough of Ealing  
Cllr Vivien Giladi - London Borough of Enfield  
Cllr Janet Gillman - LB Greenwich (main representative)  
Cllr Mick Hayes (deputy representative)  
Cllr Jonathan McShane – London Borough of Hackney  
Cllr Rory Vaughan – London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham  
Cllr Gideon Bull - London Borough of Haringey  
Cllr Margaret Davine – London Borough of Harrow  
Cllr Ted Eden – London Borough of Havering  
Cllr Mary O'Connor - London Borough of Hillingdon (Chairman)  
Cllr Jon Hardy - London Borough of Hounslow  
Cllr Meral Ece -LB Islington (Vice-Chairman)  
Cllr Christopher Buckmaster - Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea  
Cllr Don Jordan – Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames  
Cllr Helen O'Malley – London Borough of Lambeth  
Cllr Sylvia Scott – London Borough of Lewisham  
Cllr Gilli Lewis-Lavender - London Borough of Merton  
Cllr Megan Harris Mitchell - LB Newham  
Cllr Allan Burgess – London Borough of Redbridge  
Cllr Nicola Urquart - London Borough of Richmond upon Thames  
Cllr Adedokun Lasaki – London Borough of Southwark  
Cllr Barrie Taylor – London Borough of Westminster (Vice-Chairman)

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**Officers:**

Tim Pearce – LB Barking & Dagenham  
Bathsheba Mall – LB Barnet  
Louise Peek – LB Bexley  
Jacqueline Casson – LB Brent  
Graham Walton - LB Bromley  
Neal Hounsell – Corporation of London  
Trevor Harness – LB Croydon  
Alain Lodge – LB Greenwich

Tracey Anderson – LB Hackney  
Ben Vinter - LB Hackney  
Sue Perrin – LB Hammersmith & Fulham  
Rob Mack – LB Haringey  
Anthony Clements – LB Havering  
Guy Fiegehen – LB Hillingdon  
David Coombs – LB Hillingdon  
Deepa Patel – LB Hounslow  
Sunita Sharma – LB Hounslow  
Henry Bewley - RB Kensington & Chelsea  
Gavin Wilson – RB Kensington & Chelsea  
Elaine Carter - LB Lambeth  
Barbara Jarvis - LB Merton  
Jonathan Shaw – LB Newham  
Satbinder Sanghera- LB Newham  
Jilly Mushington - LB Redbridge  
Afazul Hoque - LB Tower Hamlets

**Others:**

Cllr Merrick Cockell - Leader, London Councils (part of meeting)  
Kris Hibbert - London Councils

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from:  
Cllr Marie West - London Borough of Barking and Dagenham  
Cllr Chris Pond - Essex County Council  
Cllr Peter Tobias - London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham  
Cllr Vina Mithani – London Borough of Harrow

**2. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

The Chairman (Cllr Mary O'Connor, LB Hillingdon) welcomed members to the meeting and said that she particularly wished to acknowledge the wonderful commitment shown by all participating authorities to the work of the JOSOC, which had been undertaken without a dedicated budget, culminating in the final draft report presently before the Joint Committee for agreement.

Councillor Christopher Buckmaster (RB Kensington and Chelsea's representative on the JOSOC and Chairman of their Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Health) formally welcomed everyone to the Royal Borough, and provided details of house-keeping arrangements.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Buckmaster for his comments. She then gave a brief outline of the morning's proceedings, referring to comments from the previous meeting having been incorporated in the final draft report, with the intention of providing a clearer format, more precise language, and in places 'toughened' recommendations. She

also stressed that the timescale for finalising the report was extremely short, and it was imperative therefore that the present meeting reached agreement on the final form the report was to take.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Carole Hubbard (London Borough of Bromley) declared that she is an employee of Bromley PCT and a member of the Royal College of Nursing.

**4. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2008 were agreed as a correct record.

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 March 2008 were agreed as a correct record, subject to Cllr Judy Ellis (LB Bromley) being shown as present.

**5. SUBMISSIONS TO THE JOINT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Written submissions from the following were received:

LB Havering's Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
LB Lambeth's Health and Adult Services Scrutiny Sub Committee  
LB Lewisham's Healthier Communities Select Committee  
LB Waltham Forest's Health, Adults and Older Persons Services Overview & Scrutiny Sub-Committee  
The Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

The Chairman underlined that there would be no further opportunities for submissions to be accepted by the JOSOC. She took the opportunity to remind members that the JOSOC's final report will be handed over to NHS London on 30 April 2008 followed by a formal presentation at JCPCT meeting on 6 May 2008. She hoped to see as many members of the JOSOC present as possible at this event.

**6. Final Report of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Consideration was given to the final draft report of the JOSOC.

Following a suggestion by Cllr Barrie Taylor, (Vice-Chairman, Westminster CC) it was agreed that on page 4 of the report, reference should be made under 'Acknowledgements' to the support provided by officers from LB Hillingdon. It was further agreed that the Centre for Public Scrutiny should be shown as supporting the work of the JOSOC. Cllr Taylor also referred to the fact that the work of the JOSOC was being nominated for two of the 'good scrutiny' awards from the Centre for

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Public Scrutiny, which would be announcing the results of the awards at its annual conference in early June.

At the Chairman's suggestion, it was agreed that the report would be made available electronically or via CD ROM, with Volume II available on request. It would be for each participating authority to distribute the report locally.

The Chairman referred to a number of suggestions for amendments to the Conclusions and Recommendations section of the final draft report, commenting in particular on the substantive changes proposed by LB Hounslow.

Cllr Jon Hardy (LB Hounslow) briefly stated the reasons for proposing extensive and detailed changes to the conclusions and Recommendations at a late stage in the deliberations of the JOSC. Some Members did, however, express concern that the changes proposed had not been brought before the JOSC when detailed consideration had been given to this section of the report at the JOSC's previous meeting.

Following a short discussion on how best to proceed with considering the various amendments before the meeting, detailed attention was given on a sequential basis to the Conclusions and Recommendations on which amendments had been suggested.

It was agreed that, where necessary, the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen (assisted by the 'officer support group') should formulate suitable wording for amended Recommendations to reflect the views of the meeting.

Following the discussion which took place, it was unanimously:

**RESOLVED: That the final report, as amended in the light of comments made at meeting, be agreed.**

Cllr Merrick Cockell (Leader, London Councils and Leader, Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea) briefly joined the meeting. Speaking in his capacity as Leader, London Councils, he said that he looked forward to joining with the JOSC Chairman and Vice-Chairmen in shortly handing over the completed report to NHS London. He admitted to some initial reservations about how effective the process of co-ordinating a London-wide JOSC might be, but said that the emerging end result of a shared, pan-London view was a credit to the membership of the JOSC.

### 7. The Way Forward

Consideration was given to the tabled paper (copy attached) prepared by the Officer Support Group, 'Progressing the work of the JOSC',

which set out the next steps required to take forward the JOSC's work, and proposed actions to be taken by the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen over the summer period, on behalf of the JOSC or in conjunction with all JOSC members.

Cllr Taylor said there was an intention to convene a further meeting of the JOSC in Autumn 2008 which would consider NHS London's response to the JOSC's report. As well as the work which the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen would be taking forward to promote the JOSC's recommendations, Cllr Taylor emphasised the role which local publicity had to play. A press release on behalf of the JOSC would be issued shortly (embargoed until 00.01 am, 6 May) which it was intended could serve as the basis for local publicity.

It was suggested that the Health OSCs of participating authorities involve newly-formed Local Improvement Networks (LINKs) on issues emerging locally from the 'Healthcare for London' proposals.

Cllr Graham Bass (LB Croydon) said that LB Croydon would be pleased to host the proposed meeting of the JOSC in the Autumn. Cllr Megan Harris Mitchell also extended an invitation for the meeting to be held at LB Newham.

**RESOLVED: That the actions proposed to be taken by the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen during the summer period, on behalf of the JOSC, or in conjunction with all JOSC members, be agreed.**

### 8. Concluding Remarks

The Chairman again paid tribute to the commitment shown by all members of the JOSC in working together over the past several months, leading to the production of a final report, and said that she hoped that NHS London would give very serious consideration to the JOSC's views.

Cllr Megan Harris Mitchell (LB Newham) proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen for their excellent work in steering the work of the JOSC, and this was unanimously supported.

Echoing the sentiments just expressed, Cllr Christopher Buckmaster (RB Kensington and Chelsea) paid tribute to the work of officers who had supported the work of the JOSC, including a considerable role in producing a final report for Members' consideration; these remarks were unanimously endorsed by the meeting.

The meeting finished at 12.58pm.

## Progressing the work of the JOSC

### 1. Next Steps

A draft final report of the JOSC will be agreed on 25<sup>th</sup> April.

The Chairman and Vice Chairmen request your consent to amend the report as agreed at today's meeting and to then make available copies of the Final JOSC Report.

The JOSC report proposes a final meeting of the JOSC take place in autumn 2008 to consider NHS London's response to the JOSC's report.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman propose to promote the work of the JOSC and outcomes as detailed in your report through available forums and media (post GLA elections and receipt by JCPCT – please see separate paper).

The Chairman and Vice Chairman propose to meet in June to discuss obtaining feedback and reflection on the workings of the JOSC and the process undertaken. Any outcomes or proposals will be reported to a final meeting of JOSC in Autumn 2008.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman propose to keep JOSC Members informed and advised of any matters arising during the summer period

### 2. Proposed Actions from JOSC

The Chairman and Vice Chairman propose to undertake the following activities during the summer period either on your behalf or in conjunction with all JOSC Members and request the JOSC agree to such ACTIONS being undertaken;

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Action</b>
30 April	Final JOSC Report submitted to NHS London	
6 May	JCPCT receives JOSC Report	All
6 May	Press release issued – Chairman and Vice Chairmen to promote to relevant media	
6 May	Press release issued – all JOSC Members to make local efforts to promote outcomes	All
Summer	Chairman and Vice Chairman to promote JOSC report and outcomes to all relevant London and	

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June	Chairman and Vice Chairmen's reflection and onward communication to JOSC Members	
12 June	JCPCT full public meeting to discuss conclusions of HfL	All
July	Date and venue set for Autumn 2008 JOSC meeting and communicated to JOSC Members	
Autumn 2008	Final JOSC meeting convenes	