

REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE No. 01/2006-07

COUNCIL 8/1/2006

Chair:
Councillor GIDEON BULL

Vice-Chair:
Councillor MATT COOKE

INTRODUCTION

1.1 This report to Full Council arises from a report at the Overview & Scrutiny committee meeting of December 18th 2006. This report proposing the setting up of a joint scrutiny committee with the London Boroughs of Barnet and Enfield and Hertfordshire County Council. This joint committee would consider the forthcoming NHS consultation exercise on the Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Clinical Strategy.

ITEM OF REPORT

Arrangements for Joint Scrutiny of Clinical Strategy

2.1 The Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Clinical Strategy is a major NHS reconfiguration and will determine how the NHS spends its money locally in the next few years. It involves all the major NHS trusts in Barnet, Enfield and Haringey and could have significant implications for local residents.

2.2 A full public consultation exercise was to be undertaken, beginning in January. Local Overview and Scrutiny Committees need to be consulted as part of this process. Where NHS bodies were required to consult with more than one Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the relevant local authorities were required to set up a joint scrutiny committee to respond.

2.3 The Committee agreed in principle to the setting up of this joint scrutiny committee, with Councillors Bull and Newton being appointed Haringey's representatives, and with Councillor Jones as nominated Deputy.

2.4 Appropriate individuals with necessary expertise were encouraged to write to the Joint Committee upon its establishment, with a view to becoming Co-optees.

RECOMMENDED

3.1 That a joint scrutiny committee with the London Boroughs of Barnet and Enfield and Hertfordshire County Council be set up. This joint committee will consider the forthcoming NHS consultation exercise on the Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Clinical Strategy.

3.2 That Councillors Bull and Newton being appointed Haringey's representatives, and with Councillor Jones as nominated Deputy.