

**MINUTES OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, 10 JANUARY 2007**

Councillors Councillors Bull (Chair), Cooke (Vice-Chair), Davies, Jones, Newton and Winskill

Apologies Councillor Bevan

Also Present: Indu Shukla

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION
OSCO110.	<p>WEBCASTING</p> <p>The meeting was not being web-cast.</p>
OSCO111.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillor John Bevan.</p>
OSCO112.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>Councillor Winskill – user of Fortis Green Clinic Councillor Davies - in respect of items five to seven, in being an employee of the Healthcare Commission. Councillor Cooke – in respect of item eight, Deputy Executive Member Crime & Community Safety</p>
OSCO113.	<p>DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/QUESTIONS</p> <p>There were four deputation requests which the Chair granted. These were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Muswell Hill & Highgate Pensioners' Action Group • Muswell Hill & Fortis Green Association • Save Hornsey Central Hospital Campaign • Sue Horne <p>All four deputations sought to raise issues in respect of the relocation of services from Fortis Green Clinic which was Item 6 on the Agenda (minute number 115).</p> <p>The Chair thanked the speakers for their attendance.</p>
OSCO114.	<p>HARINGEY TEACHING PRIMARY CARE TRUST (HTPCT) BUDGET 2006/7</p> <p><i>This was taken as part of item OSCO115 below.</i></p>

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OSCO115.	<p>RELOCATION OF SERVICES FROM FORTIS GREEN CLINIC</p> <p>The Committee received a presentation on the redevelopment of the Hornsey Central Hospital site which outlined the vision and benefits, trade offs, and the history of the redevelopment and consultation. The presentation sought to respond to a number of questions posed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in respect of the redevelopment plans.</p> <p>Officers from the PCT stated that there were some technical issues to overcome in respect of the funding bids for the HCH, and thus it was not possible to update the Committee. The PCT will respond more fully to these concerns in due course. The PCT confirmed that it would develop a comprehensive, cohesive consultation strategy in response to a number of concerns raised.</p> <p>The Committee considered in detail four deputations from local residents concerning the proposals by the Primary Care Trust (PCT) to relocate services from Fortis Green Clinic, In addition, they received an update from the PCT on the proposed relocations and noted the amended proposals which included moving clinics to Northbank House and Rutland House Health Centre.</p> <p>The Committee noted the amended and updated proposals. PCT representatives present at the meeting agreed that any further proposals to relocate services on the redeveloped Hornsey Central Hospital site would be the subject of full engagement with the local community and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The PCT also agreed that it would look at how it could improve dialogue with local people when consulting on proposed service changes and stated its commitment to open dialogue with residents.</p> <p>The PCT explained that it was proposing to relocate services due to changes in the way in which health services were delivered, which meant that FG Clinic was now under utilised. In such circumstances, the PCT had to consider the best use of its resources. It was of the opinion that disposing of the building would enable more efficient service provision. If the proposal was not agreed, it would put further pressure on the PCT's budget for the forthcoming financial year and may result in less desirable options to be considered.</p> <p>The PCT, in response to a number of questions from members of the public and Overview and Scrutiny Committee Members, stated that some services would be housed temporarily until HCH had come online. The PCT stated that Rutland House and North Bank would continue to be used at least until the re-developed Hornsey Central Hospital (HCH) had become operational.</p> <p>The PCT gave a presentation to the Committee on the proposal to relocate services from Fortis Green Clinic which outlined what the current service provision was and the reasons for the proposed</p>	
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	<p>changes – highlighting that under the current arrangements there were 14 out of 32 sessions being utilised and that this represented poor value for money. The presentation also outlined the potential savings from the closure of the Fortis Green Clinic and gave details of the availability and suitability of the proposed venues to be used post closure, namely Rutland House and North Bank House. The presentation ended by outlining the timetable for decisions to be made about the proposed change – the PCT Board meeting on 24 January 2007 for final the decision.</p> <p>The PCT informed the Committee that health equality within the borough was central to the PCT's objectives but that in the west of the borough, there were significant physical resource obstacles. The solutions to some of these problems would be identified by the Primary Care Strategy in March 2007. In respect to concerns over the impact on the most vulnerable people within the communities over the proposed changes, the PCT responded that each individual patient would be given advice and guidance once services began to move. In respect of a call to allow more time for discussion, the PCT stated, whilst it would be happy to receive additional views and could assist on this, it would not be feasible to delay the final decision by the PCT Board.</p> <p>In response to further questions, the PCT confirmed that there was no intention at this stage of closing the Crouch End Clinic and there was nothing to suggest that this would be the case.</p> <p>The PCT agreed to undertake a robust consultation once the HCH was online in order to ascertain views on any relocations that might be proposed at that stage. There was also a commitment to develop ongoing dialogue with local people. The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) encouraged members of the public to write directly to the OSC if they have any further concerns over the PCT's consultation process in future.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That the proposals by Haringey Teaching Primary Care Trust to relocate services from Fortis Green Clinic to alternative accommodation within the Muswell Hill area be noted.2. That any proposals to move, in due course, relocated or other services to the redeveloped Hornsey Central Hospital site or other alternative venues outside of the Muswell Hill area, be subject to full engagement with the local community and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. This commitment be confirmed in writing by the Primary Care Trust.
OSCO116.	<p>BARNET, ENFIELD AND HARINGEY CLINICAL STRATEGY</p> <p>The Chair, along with Councillors Jones and Newton, Gill Prager and the Principal Scrutiny Support Officer agreed to meet separately to</p>

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	deal with this Strategy and to feedback to the Committee in due course.
OSCO117.	BUDGET SCRUTINY - COMMENTS FOR THE EXECUTIVE The Committee considered the addendum before them and highlighted a number of budget lines from the financial planning 2007/8 – 2010/11 schedule. The Committee agreed to raise a number of concerns over the schedule before it was considered by the Executive on 23 January 2007. The Chair would approach the Leader about this. RESOLVED The recommendations of the report were agreed and referred to the Executive Committee meeting on the 23 January 2007.

Councillor GIDEON BULL

Chair, Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2006/7

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