

# Agenda Item 5

## Note of the Healthier Communities and Older People Overview and Scrutiny Panel topic selection meeting on 20 June 2017

**Present:** Councillors: Suzanne Grocott (Chair), Mary Curtin, Laxmi Attawar, Brenda Fraser,

Co-opted member: Diane Griffin

Officers: Simon Williams, Director of Community and Housing, Dagmar Zeuner, Director of Public Health Stella Akintan Scrutiny officer

**Apologies:** Councillors: Peter McCabe, Sally Kenny, Brian Lewis-Lavender, Abdul Latif, Co-opted member, Saleem Sheikh.

After some discussion the following decision were reached in regards to the topics.

	Topic	How the Panel will look at it	Comments
1.	Rise in Sexually Transmitted Diseases	Report to the Panel in February 2018	Merton is currently working in partnership with other London boroughs to design and procure a new sexual health strategy. The Panel can play an important role in scrutinising this strategy once it has been implemented and has had some time to embed.
2.	Tuberculosis	Report to the Panel	Services for TB are commissioned by NHS England, Merton CCG's and the council has an important oversight role. The Panel can bring the partners together to discuss how they are addressing the issues.
3.	Primary Care Services	Report to the Panel	It was acknowledged that this is a broad area. There were particular concerns around; out of hours services, succession planning for GP's and access. Merton CCG could be asked to provide an overview of the strategy paying particular reference to the Panel's areas of concern
4.	Schemes to match housing between professionals and older people with spare rooms	Task Group Review	It was agreed that a service of this nature could be very beneficial within adult social care. Panel members would like to look at this in depth and speak to providers, service users and other local authorities who have implemented this scheme. It was felt that this topic would be well suited to a mini task group review. The Panel will need to complete work by

			February 2018 in view of the London elections in May 2018.
5.	Healthy food options on the high street	Attend discussion at Children and Young People's overview and scrutiny Panel	This area is being looked within the child obesity strategy. Members of the Panel could attend the Children and Young People Panel when this is on the agenda and contribute to the discussion.
6.	Sustainability and Transformation Plans	Report to Panel in September 2017.	Cabinet will receive a report on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> July, this will be circulated to the Panel. Panel members wished to look at this in the autumn to get an overview of how the Merton STP is being developed.
7.	Disability access	Panel to write to relevant bodies about these issues.  Attend discussion at Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel on accessibility in local plan and the regeneration of Morden	Panel to include Motspur Park station as an area of concern as, some concrete bollards are less than the statutory distance apart. This makes it difficult for wheelchair users to navigate around  Panel members also want to ensure accessibility issues are included in the local plan and regeneration of Morden.
8.	Welfare reform and move to personal independent Payments and inaccessible medical centres	Report to Panel with Merton Centre for Independent Living and Local Department of Work and Pensions invited as witnesses.	The was identified as an area of great concern to local residents
9.	Sickle cell disease and Thalassaemia	Still to be agreed	Panel members and the Director of Public Health agreed that while this affects a relatively small number of people this is an important issue. Panel members would like more detail on the services provided to Merton residents and if there are any issues of concern before determining how the Panel should respond.
10.	Rehabilitation for people recovering from a brain	Report to the Panel	It was agreed to invite the specialised commissioning team to

	injury		look at the services provided to this group
11.	Respite for carers	Possible task group in 2018	Panel members discussed this topic and while it was agreed as an important issue, it was thought it area which required in depth review which may not be possible this year as task group reviews must be completed by February 2018, due to the London elections taking place in May. It was thought that a review could usefully look at different ways of providing respite and support.

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