Dear Sir/Madam,

A meeting of the HOUSING, HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL will be held in Committee Room ‘A’, Town Hall, Nuneaton on Thursday 12th September, at 5.15pm

Public Consultation will commence at 5.15 p.m.

Yours faithfully,

ALAN FRANKS
Managing Director

To: All Members of the Housing, Health and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel

AGENDA

PART 1 – PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. EVACUATION PROCEDURE

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Please also make sure all your mobile phones are turned off or set to silent.

2. APOLOGIES

- To receive apologies for absence from the meeting.

3. MINUTES

- To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Housing, Health and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel held on 18th July, 2013. (Page 4)

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/PARTY WHIP

- To receive declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other interests in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct and of the Party Whip in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules 4E, Paragraph 16(b).

Note (1): Following the adoption of the new Code of Conduct, members are reminded that they should declare the existence and nature of their personal interests at the commencement of the relevant item (or as soon as the interest becomes apparent). If that interest is a Disclosable Pecuniary or a Deemed Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, the Member must withdraw from the room.

Where a Member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest but has received a dispensation from Standards Committee, that Member may vote and/or speak on the matter (as the case may be) and must disclose the existence of the dispensation and any restrictions placed on it at the time the interest is declared.

Where a Member has a Deemed Disclosable Interest as defined in the Code of Conduct, the Member may address the meeting as a member of the public as set out in the Code.

N.B. Council Procedure Rules require Members with Disclosable Pecuniary Interests to withdraw from the meeting unless a dispensation allows them to remain to vote and/or speak on the business giving rise to the interest.
Where a Member has a Deemed Disclosable Interest, the Council’s Code of Conduct permits public speaking on the item, after which the Member is required by Council Procedure Rules to withdraw from the meeting.

Note (2): Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules 4E, Paragraph 16(b) states "when considering any matter in respect of which a Member must declare the existence of the whip, and the nature of it before the commencement of the OSP's deliberations on the matter".

5. PUBLIC CONSULTATION - Members of the public will be given the opportunity to speak on specific agenda items if notice has been received.

6. PRIDE IN CAMP HILL ANNUAL REPORT – Report of the Camp Hill Project Manager (to follow) (Scrutiny)

7. COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP PERFORMANCE REPORT QUARTER 4 AND QUARTER 1 - Report of the Communities Manager (to follow) (Scrutiny)

8. RESPONSES FROM CABINET

None

9. WORK PROGRAMME 2013/14 – presented by the Principal Democratic Services Officer (Committees)

(a) Work Programme 2013/14 attached. (Page 8) - Any News Items

(b) Letter received from Josie Spencer, Director of Operations, Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust attached. (Page 9)

10. ANY OTHER ITEMS which in the opinion of the Chair of the meeting should be considered as a matter of urgency because of special circumstances (which must be specified).

N.B Agenda Item Descriptors

Scrutiny = Members to consider the evidence presented in detail (e.g. service delivery, value for money, performance, customer satisfaction, social outcomes) and make recommendations for any necessary changes/improvements to service provision or resources and/or request further information.

Overview = Members to consider the information presented and make observations, comments and/or recommend further considerations to be taken into account and any additions or amendments required.
A meeting of the Housing, Health and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel was held at the Town Hall, Nuneaton, on Thursday 18th July, 2013.

Present

Councillor C.M. Watkins – Chair


Apologies for absence was received from Councillor R.G. Copland, D. Fowler and G.D. Pomfrett.

112 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 6th June, 2013, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

113 Declarations of Interest

Councillor J. B. Beaumont declared an Other interest in any relevant item by reason of him being a Member of Warwickshire County Council

Councillor D. Carr declared an Other Interest in any relevant item by reason of a member of his family working for the National Health Service.

Councillor K.M. Wilson declared an Other Interest in any relevant item by reason of him being employed by the Magistrates Court and Family Proceedings Court and by reason of a family member having recently died in George Eliot Hospital.

Councillor C.M. Watkins declared an Other Interest in any relevant item by reason of him being a Board member of the Nuneaton and Bedworth Leisure Trust.
George Eliot Hospital - Mortality Rates

The Panel received presentations from Mr. Chris Bradshaw, Deputy Chief Executive and Mr. Andy Arnold, Medical Director of George Eliot Hospital, Nuneaton on the current situation regarding mortality rates within the George Eliot Hospital and the special measures that are to be taken to improve the situation at the hospital.

Members asked questions and the following points were made:

(a) the need for the hospital to find a partner;

(b) PALS did not seem to be working effectively;

(c) some of the services being siphoned off to the Walsgrave Hospital;

(d) concern about the clinical availability for the out of hours service and out of hours cover generally;

(e) the need for senior staff to be available at all times;

(f) the need to improve the standard of care;

(g) the means of finance for the provision of extra doctors and nurses;

(h) what methodology will replace SHMI to measure mortality;

(i) care should be consultant delivered not consultant led;

(j) concern about lack of availability of beds to move patients from A and E;

(k) the need to develop links with both primary and secondary care.

RESOLVED that

(a) Mr. Bradshaw and Mr. Arnold be thanked for their presentations;

(b) more regular updates, not just on mortality rates, be requested to be provided by the hospital with representatives of the hospital being invited to attend future Panel meetings;

(c) a copy of the report of the Council End of Life Care Review Group be sent to the George Eliot Hospital;

Speaker: Councillor K.A. Kondakor
The report of the Director – Finance and Procurement and the Performance Quality Manager was considered. This report provided performance measures and financial budget information for service areas within the scope of this panel.

Members asked questions and the following concerns were raised:

(a) there were no officers present at the meeting to answer Member questions, particular relating to items with the status of “Red”;

(b) the accuracy of the information contained within the report;

(c) mention was also made of R6 relating to improvements for the town centres. Members were concerned at the lack of member involvement in the sub-group looking at the development of town centres.

**RESOLVED** that

(a) the report be noted;

(b) officers be requested to attend future meetings of the Panel, particularly in respect of those items where the status is “Red”.

(c) the Town Centres Master Plan be discussed at the next meeting of the Panel, with further information being provided on the sub-group.

The Principal Democratic Services Officer (Committees) discussed the Work Programme for 2013/14.

**RESOLVED** that

(a) the item relating to the closure of Avenue House be considered at the September or October meeting of the Panel, with the Director of Operations, Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust being invited to attend the meeting and a written report being prepared prior to the meeting; and
(c) a review and further report on the implementation of the recommendations from the End of Life Care Report be made to a future meeting of the Panel.

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Shirley Round  
Overview & Scrutiny Support Officer  
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Dear Shirley,

Thank you for your email of the 22nd July 2013. As you know, I have been on holiday and this is my first opportunity to reply.

Within the email you raise the issue of “booking beds at the Avenue Clinic”. I presume by Avenue Clinic you are referring to Pemberton Ward which is the inpatient facility on site. You will recall Stanley Ward, the other inpatient facility has been temporarily closed in order to pilot the community based service. We discussed this with members when we met on the 6th June 2013.

At the Overview and Scrutiny Meeting on the 6th June we agreed the following:

- An evaluation of the clinical effectiveness and impact of the Community Service pilot would take place over a 6 month period
- CWPT would return to the Committee in December 2013 to share the results.

As agreed, we are currently evaluating the pilot service. I can confirm that there has been no change to the access to the Pemberton Ward beds and those patients that require inpatient services from Pemberton Ward are continuing to be admitted.

We are of course more than happy to attend the Committee before December but did not want to take up valuable Committee time on what appears to be a misunderstanding.

I hope this clarifies the issue. Please let us know how you wish to proceed.

Yours sincerely,

Josie Spencer
Director of Operations

c.c. Dr Asif Atta
Barry Day
Roisin Fallon Williams

Martin Gower – Chair
Rachel Newson – Chief Executive