

RESOURCES

DECISIONS made by the Lead Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor David Elkin on 28 November 2014 at County Hall, Lewes.

Councillor Ungar spoke on item 3 (see minute number 39).

38. REPORTS

38.1 A copy of the reports referred to below are included in the minute book.

39. NOTICE OF MOTION: SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE BETWEEN EASTBOURNE GENERAL HOSPITAL AND THE CONQUEST HOSPITAL, HASTINGS

39.1 Councillor Elkin considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport regarding a Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Ungar.

DECISIONS

25.2 RESOLVED to recommend the County Council to (1) note the contents of this report including that access to the new centralised acute health care provision is ultimately a matter for the East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (ESHT);

(2) reject the motion; and

(3) agree that East Sussex County Council is willing to work with all relevant authorities and partners to facilitate opportunities to develop a sustainable shuttle bus service between Eastbourne District General Hospital and the Conquest Hospital, Hastings and that a report on progress be submitted to the Lead Member for Transport and Environment within three months.

Reason

39.3 Access to the new centralised acute health care provision is ultimately a matter for ESHT who have indicated that they do not expect a significant increase in inter-site travel as a result of service changes. Due to the financial pressures ESCC is currently facing, the Lead Member recommends the County Council to reject the motion on the basis that that ESCC cannot commit to funding new additional public transport arrangements between the Eastbourne and Hastings hospitals in the absence of alternative savings being put forward. ESCC officers have already been in discussions with transport providers with regards to making public transport options between the two hospitals easier, including ticketing and information provision. ESHT will be invited to join these discussions moving forward.