

East Sussex Better Together Scrutiny Board

Meeting date: 28 September 2017, 10am at County Hall, Lewes

Comments to the ESBT Strategic Commissioning Board

Scrutiny Board Members:

Cllr Angharad Davies (Chair), Cllr John Barnes, Cllr Roy Galley, Cllr Colin Swansborough, Cllr Trevor Webb

Apologies: Cllr Martin Clarke, Cllr Alan Shuttleworth

Below is a summary of the comments and recommendations of the ESBT Scrutiny Board that met on 28 September for consideration by the ESBT Strategic Commissioning Board (SCB) on 2 October 2017.

Item 6 – East Sussex Better Together Financial Position and Progress with the Strategic Investment Plan

1.1. The Board expressed serious concern about the financial challenge facing the ESBT Alliance, in particular the £12.8m adverse variation (overspend) in spending on acute care and the use of all CCG reserves at a relatively early stage in the year. The Board also expressed concern about the staff capacity issues facing some of the ESBT projects.

1.2. The Board recognises the difficulty in double running, i.e., delivering a programme of transformation whilst trying to balance the budget, and notes the ESBT Alliance's ongoing work to review the priorities of the Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) in order to do so.

1.3. In relation to the red and amber rated ESBT projects which indicate slippage, the Board agree that resources should be focussed on those areas of the ESBT programme that can best address the short-term financial challenges whilst remaining mindful of not disinvesting in those services that will bring long-term benefits to the health of East Sussex residents.

1.4. The Board recommends that:

1) now there is a single financial system that urgent attention is given to acute bed management.

2) consideration should be given to investing in the social care market to support the ESBT transformation programme.

Item 7 – East Sussex Better Together (ESBT) Alliance Outcome Framework progress update

2.1. The Board is reassured that the ESBT Alliance Outcomes Framework contains reasonable and rational outcomes and performance measures, and recommends that officers continue to refine the Framework.

2.2. The Board recommends that officers should consider including appropriate housing and education indicators in the performance measures where applicable.

Item 8 – East Sussex Better Together (ESBT) Alliance New Model of Care

3.1. The Board agrees with the proposed further progression of the ESBT Alliance and integrated strategic commissioning arrangements for 2017/19 onwards, including a single point of leadership and executive team.

3.2. The Board recommends that as the ESBT Alliance and integrated strategic commissioning arrangements develop the governance framework for the ESBT Alliance is amended to ensure that it has the appropriate level of non-executive representation, including on the SCB.