

Agenda

Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Wednesday, 14 March 2018, 10.00 am
County Hall, Worcester

All County Councillors are invited to attend and participate

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DISCLOSING INTERESTS

There are now 2 types of interests:
'Disclosable pecuniary interests' and **'other disclosable interests'**

WHAT IS A 'DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST' (DPI)?

- Any **employment**, office, trade or vocation carried on for profit or gain
- **Sponsorship** by a 3rd party of your member or election expenses
- Any **contract** for goods, services or works between the Council and you, a firm where you are a partner/director, or company in which you hold shares
- Interests in **land** in Worcestershire (including licence to occupy for a month or longer)
- **Shares** etc (with either a total nominal value above £25,000 or 1% of the total issued share capital) in companies with a place of business or land in Worcestershire.

NB Your DPIs include the interests of your spouse/partner as well as you

WHAT MUST I DO WITH A DPI?

- **Register** it within 28 days and
- **Declare** it where you have a DPI in a matter at a particular meeting
 - you must **not participate** and you **must withdraw**.

NB It is a criminal offence to participate in matters in which you have a DPI

WHAT ABOUT 'OTHER DISCLOSABLE INTERESTS'?

- No need to register them but
- You must **declare** them at a particular meeting where:
You/your family/person or body with whom you are associated have a **pecuniary interest** in or **close connection** with the matter under discussion.

WHAT ABOUT MEMBERSHIP OF ANOTHER AUTHORITY OR PUBLIC BODY?

You will not normally even need to declare this as an interest. The only exception is where the conflict of interest is so significant it is seen as likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest.

DO I HAVE TO WITHDRAW IF I HAVE A DISCLOSABLE INTEREST WHICH ISN'T A DPI?

Not normally. You must withdraw only if it:

- affects your **pecuniary interests OR** relates to a **planning or regulatory** matter
- **AND** it is seen as likely to **prejudice your judgement** of the public interest.

DON'T FORGET

- If you have a disclosable interest at a meeting you must **disclose both its existence and nature** – 'as noted/recorded' is insufficient
- **Declarations must relate to specific business** on the agenda
 - General scattergun declarations are not needed and achieve little
- Breaches of most of the **DPI provisions** are now **criminal offences** which may be referred to the police which can on conviction by a court lead to fines up to £5,000 and disqualification up to 5 years
- Formal **dispensation** in respect of interests can be sought in appropriate cases.

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Membership

Worcestershire County Council Mr P A Tuthill (Chairman), Ms P Agar, Mr G R Brookes, Mr P Grove, Prof J W Raine, Mrs M A Rayner, Mr C Rogers, Mr A Stafford and Mr R P Tomlinson

District Councils

Mr T Baker, Malvern Hills District Council
Mr C Bloore, Bromsgrove District Council
Mrs A Hingley, Wyre Forest District Council
Mr M Johnson, Worcester City Council
Mrs F Smith, Wychavon District Council
Mrs N Wood-Ford, Redditch Borough Council

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| 3 | Public Participation Members of the public wishing to take part should notify the Head of Legal and Democratic Services in writing or by email indicating the nature and content of their proposed participation no later than 9.00am on the working day before the meeting (in this case 13 March 2018). Enquiries can be made through the telephone number/email address below. | |
| 4 | Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting Previously circulated | |
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HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

14 MARCH 2018

WEST MIDLANDS AMBULANCE SERVICE UPDATE

Summary

1. The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) is to receive an update from West Midlands Ambulance Services (WMAS), from the Chief Executive and Director of Clinical Commissioning & Service Development.
2. For the benefit of new HOSC Members, West Midlands Ambulance Service was authorised as a foundation trust in January 2013 and in line with the provisions of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, was licensed as a provider of NHS services on 1 April 2013. The Trust serves a population of 5.6 million, covering an area of more than 5000 square miles across the whole of the West Midlands, including, in addition to Worcestershire, Herefordshire, Shropshire, Warwickshire, Staffordshire, Birmingham, Solihull and the Black Country.
3. The most recent update to the HOSC was on 11 January 2017 and a link to this meeting can be found in the background papers section of this report.

Scrutiny

4. Whilst discussing the Trust's services in Worcestershire, HOSC members may want to reflect on its wider discussions with other local health economy stakeholders, including the challenge of servicing rural areas, sustaining services under financial pressures, hospital handovers, pressures on A&E and increased partnership working as part of the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Sustainable Transformation Partnership.
5. As part of recent induction sessions for the HOSC, several Members visited the Trust's headquarters and control centre at Brierley Hill in September 2017. The HOSC also receives regular updates from the Lead Scrutiny Member for WMAS who regularly attends WMAS public Board Meetings and receives monthly news bulletins.

Purpose of the Meeting

6. Members are invited to consider and comment on the information provided and whether any further scrutiny work is required at this stage.

Contact Points

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Head of Legal and Democratic Services) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

- Agendas and Minutes of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 11 January 2017 and 22 January 2014 and 19 June 2012 – available on the County Council website [here](#)

HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
14 MARCH 2018**HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ROUND-UP**

Summary

1. To receive a round-up of information on:
 - County Council activities in relation to health
 - District Council activities in relation to health
 - NHS Board meetings
 - Consultations in Worcestershire
 - Urgent health issues in Worcestershire; and
 - Items for future meetings of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Background

2. In order to ensure that Members of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) are fully informed about issues relating to health scrutiny in Worcestershire, communication will be essential. To assist in this, an item will be placed on the agenda for each meeting of the HOSC to consider consultations, County Council activities, District Council activities, urgent health issues arising in Worcestershire and future agenda items. Regard for the Council's statutory requirements in relation to access to information will be critical.

County Council Activities in Relation to Health

3. A range of County Council services can impact upon and also be impacted upon by health services. Recognising that the health-related work of the County Council will be of interest to the District Councillors on the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, an oral update on such activities, and on other matters the Chairman has been involved in, will be provided at each meeting by the Committee Chairman at each HOSC.

District Council Activities in Relation to Health

4. The statutory power of health scrutiny, including the power to require an officer of a local NHS body to attend before the Council, rests with the County Council. However, it is recognised that a number of District Councils within Worcestershire are undertaking work in relation to local health issues, under their duty to promote the economic, social or environmental well-being of their area.
5. Recognising that the work of the District Councils will be of value and interest to the wider HOSC, an oral update will be provided on such activities by District Councillors at each meeting of the HOSC.

NHS Board Meetings

6. To help HOSC Members to keep up to date and maintain their knowledge of health issues around the County, it was agreed that a 'Lead Member/s' would be identified for

each of the local NHS bodies to attend their Board Meetings and then provide an oral update at each meeting of the Scrutiny Committee.

Consultations in Worcestershire

7. The HOSC has a duty to respond to local Health Trusts' consultations on any proposed substantial changes to local health services. An oral update will be provided at each meeting of the HOSC on both developments relating to consultations previously undertaken and forthcoming consultations.

Urgent Health Issues in Worcestershire

8. Worcestershire County Council's constitution makes provision for urgent items to be considered. Standing Order 12.2 specifies that the Chairman of the HOSC "may bring before the meeting and cause to be considered an item of business not specified in the summons or agenda where the Chairman is of the opinion, by reason of special circumstances (which shall be specified in the minutes) that the item should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency".

9. Additionally, Standing Order 9.4.2 allows for the Chairman of the HOSC at any time to call a special meeting of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Standing Order 9.4.3 allows for at least one quarter of the members of the HOSC to requisition a special meeting of the HOSC. Such a requisition must be in writing, be signed by each of the Councillors concerned, identify the business to be considered and be delivered to the Director of Commercial and Change. In accordance with Access to Information Rules, the Council must give five clear days' notice of any meeting.

Items for Future Meetings

10. It is necessary that the HOSC's ability to react to emerging health issues in a timely manner and the public's expectation of this is balanced against Worcestershire County Council's statutory duty to ensure that meetings and issues to be considered are open and transparent and meet legislative requirements. This agenda item must not be used to raise non-urgent issues. Any such issues should be raised with the Scrutiny Team at least two weeks in advance of a scheduled meeting of the HOSC.

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