

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR A FUTURE AGENDA ITEM AT AN OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL MEETING

MEETING DATE: 23 April 2013

TITLE OF REQUEST:

Proposal for District level Health Scrutiny

CABINET PORTFOLIO/CORPORATE SERVICE AREA:

Community Services

BRIEF SUMMARY/CONTEXT OF REQUEST:

The commissioning of health services has been delegated to local/district level structures through government legislation; the Health and Social Care Act 2012. As a result the Thanet Clinical Commissioning Group (Thanet CCG) was established to commission most of the NHS services as from April 2013.

Through the same legislation, the Health and Social Care Act 2012; Kent County Council has also delegated decision making on health delivery matters to district level Health & Wellbeing Boards. It is anticipated that Thanet District Council will set up such a Board by end of June 2013.

Government legislation provides for a flexible approach by Kent County Council in setting up arrangements for health scrutiny in future, which could offer an opportunity for district level scrutiny if KCC were agreeable.

On 28 March 2013 KCC considered at their full Council meeting a report on "Options for the development of the sub architecture for the Kent Health and Wellbeing Board", and confirmed the shadow Kent Health & Wellbeing Board decision made last autumn to support the development of CCG level Health & Wellbeing Boards across Kent. They agreed to delegate to district level Health & Wellbeing Boards the following areas of responsibility:

1. Develop CCG level Integrated Commissioning Strategy and Plan
2. Ensure effective local engagement
3. Local monitoring of outcomes
4. Focus on locally determined health, care and public health needs.

REASON FOR REQUEST:

It appears to be appropriate for District Councils to be afforded the opportunity to scrutinise decisions made by Thanet CCG and the Health and Wellbeing Boards regarding delivery of the local health services.

EXPECTED OUTCOME:

Members of the Overview & Scrutiny Panel may wish to assign a task & finish group the role of exploring opportunities for establishing health scrutiny arrangements at

district level by drafting a proposal for consideration by the Panel before such a proposal is forwarded to Cabinet to engage KCC in discussion on the matter.

HOW DO YOU SUGGEST THE PANEL WOULD PROGRESS THE PROPOSED WORK:

(Tick as appropriate)

ONE-OFF OFFICER REPORT

ESTABLISH A FORMAL WORKING PARTY

ESTABLISH AN INFORMAL WORKING PARTY

NAME OF MEMBER SPONSOR: Councillor Driver

SPONSOR SIGNATURE:..... **DATE:** 4 April 2013