
Agree terms of reference of the QEQM Hospital Cabinet Advisory Group

To: **QEQM Hospital Cabinet Advisory Group – 21 April 2016**

By: **Rob Kenyon, Community Services Director**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Ward: **All**

Summary: To establish terms of reference for the QEQM Hospital Cabinet Advisory Group

For Decision

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 In July 2015 Council responded to a petition on QEQM Hospital, the petitioners asked Council to 'vigorously oppose any plans by the East Kent Hospital Trust to downsize or end the provision of high quality Accident and Emergency services at the QEQM hospital in Margate.'
- 1.2 After a full debate Members agreed 'to refer the petition to Cabinet and recommend that Cabinet establishes a Cabinet Advisory Group [CAG] which would consider the petition in tandem with any other emerging proposals about the East Kent Hospitals University Foundation Trust (EKHUFT).'

2.0 The Current Situation

- 2.1 In October Cabinet agreed the following:
1. That as per the recommendation of Full Council; establish the QEQM Hospital Cabinet Advisory Group
 2. To set the membership at 8 Councillors;
 3. That representation on the CAG to be made up of 4 UKIP; 2 Conservative; 1 Labour; 1 Democratic Independent Group (DIG);
 4. The terms of reference as set out in the Cabinet report.
- 2.2 The proposed draft terms of reference as set out in the Cabinet report of October 2015 are:
1. Study the proposed re-organisation of the QEQM Hospital's Accidents and Emergency Services;
 2. In the event that the East Kent Hospitals University Foundation Trust (EKHUFT) or its commissioners conducts a public consultation relating to the provision of Accident and Emergency services at the QEQM hospital in Margate, prepare a draft Thanet District Council response to the consultation;
 3. Produce a final report for consideration by Cabinet.

3.0 Options

- 3.1 Agree the terms of reference laid out in 2.2.
- 3.2 Amend the terms of reference laid out in 2.2 and recommend the amended terms of reference back to Cabinet.

4.0 Corporate Implications

4.1 Financial and VAT

- 4.1.1 There is no dedicated resource to support this Cabinet Advisory Group and support will therefore be taken from existing staff. It should be considered when setting any work programme as there will be a knock on effect on service delivery.

4.2 Legal

- 4.2.1 Whilst the Cabinet Advisory Group can invite partners in to provide information to the group there is no legal requirement to compel attendees. This should be considered when setting any work programme.

4.3 Equity and Equalities

- 4.3.1 There has been no equity and equality impact of this report undertaken. It is assumed that this will form part of any work the CAG may undertake to report back to Cabinet.

5.0 Recommendation(s)

- 5.1 To agree the terms of reference;
- 5.2 To agree to reconvene at such a time that any consultation is announced.

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Annex List

Annex 1	QEQM Hospital CAG Terms of Reference
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Corporate Consultation Undertaken

Finance	Nicola Walker, Interim Head of Financial Services; Matt Sanham, Financial Services Manager
Legal	Ciara Feeney, Head of Legal Services & Deputy Monitoring Officer