
AGREE AMENDED TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE QEQM HOSPITAL CABINET ADVISORY GROUP

To: **Cabinet – 16 June 2016**

By: **Senior Democratic Services Officer**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Ward: **All**

Summary: **To agree the amended 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).
- 1.3 Cabinet then set up the QEQM Hospital CAG on 22 October 2015 and at the first meeting of the sub-group on 21 April 2016, Members received a presentation by Hazel Carpenter, Accountable Officer for Thanet CCG and South Kent Coast CCG. The presentation provided an update on the current situation regarding the proposed re-organisation of health delivery in South East Kent. The link below provides a summary of the minutes for that meeting:

<http://democracy.thanet.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=630&MId=4420&Ver=4>

2.0 The Current Situation

- 2.1 During the presentation referred to above, the cabinet advisory group was informed that there was no likelihood of the A& E Department being moved away from QEQM Hospital.
- 2.2 In view of the changes in focus from only looking at re-organising EKHUFT to addressing the broader question of developing an integrated approach for the delivery of health and social care services in South East Kent, Members proposed amendments to the terms of reference for the CAG as follows:
1. Consider or shadow the proposed re-organisation of East Kent health services through the work of the East Kent Strategy Board;

2. In the event of a public consultation relating to the provision of health services at QEQM Hospital in Margate, prepare a draft Thanet District Council response to the consultation;

3. Prepare a final report for consideration by Cabinet.

2.3 Annex 1 highlights the terms of reference with track changes for ease of reference.

3.0 Options

3.1 Agree the amended terms of reference laid out in 2.2, as proposed by the cabinet advisory group.

3.2 Amend the proposed terms of reference laid out in 2.2 and agree the new terms of reference.

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 amended terms of reference as set out in 2.2 to the report.

6.0 Decision Making Process

6.1 Cabinet set up a cabinet advisory group and agreed terms of reference for the group. Any suggested amendments to these terms of reference ought to be finalised by Cabinet.

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Annex List

Annex 1	QEQM Hospital CAG Terms of Reference with track changes
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Corporate Consultation Undertaken

Finance	Joanna Miller, Head of Financial Services
Legal	Ciara Feeney, Head of Legal Services & Deputy Monitoring Officer