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CABINET

23 JANUARY 2015

REFERENCE FROM COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AND PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE OF 17 NOVEMBER 2014

A.2 PROVISION OF NEW GP SURGERY WITHIN HOLLAND-ON-SEA (Report Prepared by Colin Sweeney)

BACKGROUND

At its meeting held on 17 November 2014, the Committee welcomed Mr Ian Stidson, Director of Commissioning (NHS England – Essex Area Team) and Ms Jenni Speller, Contracts Manager (NHS England – Essex Area Team) to the meeting to discuss progress with regard to the provision of a new GP Surgery within Holland-on-Sea.

The matter was last considered by the Committee at its meeting held on 29 October 2012.

Mr Stidson said that he was very aware of how long the issue of a new GP Surgery for Holland-on-Sea had been discussed, particularly by the Committee however, he was now confident that this was, at last, moving forward. He went on to say that progression was on the back of the reorganisation of NHS England and that it had maintained its commitment to the development of a new surgery by identifying funds over a five-year plan and thus ensuring that the proposal was very much being considered.

Mr Stidson went on to say that the original option of the Ipswich Road site and the development at Kennedy Way, which was already more advanced, were both being considered to determine which would be the most suitable for residents. He said that a full financial analysis appraisal of both sites would be completed by the end of December 2014 and residents would then be advised of which of the two sites would be the best option for a GP surgery.

Ms Speller answered questions from Members in relation to recruiting doctors to the area; the possible relocation of the current surgery at North Road, Great Clacton to Kennedy Way and the long delay in resolving this matter.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS TO CABINET

Cabinet is now asked to consider the recommendation of the Community Leadership and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee and determine its response if any:

The Committee **COMMENTS** to **CABINET** that as Councillor Lynda McWilliams, Portfolio Holder for Well-being and Partnerships, was already monitoring the situation, that she continue to work closely with health colleagues to work towards a successful conclusion.

PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET

Comments will be provided directly at the meeting.