

CABINET

19 FEBRUARY 2021

REFERENCE REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

A.1 SCRUTINY OF THE HEALTH PROVISION AND CARE RESPONSE

(Report prepared by Keith Durran)

BACKGROUND

Further to its meeting held on 13 January 2020 (Minute 84 refers) the Community Leadership Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting held on 30 November 2020 was updated around deprivation, health measures and the proposed integrated neighbourhood team for Tendring South. Also included was funding for primary care on the Clacton Hospital site and the operation of GP services from Kennedy House. The meeting also considered the Covid-19 measures to control spread and identify those most at risk and how to protect them and to also consider the role of community groups and volunteers.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION(S) AND/OR COMMENT(S) TO CABINET

During its consideration of this matter the Committee **RECOMMENDED** to **CABINET** that:

- The suggestion from the Chief Operating Officer for the North East Essex Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to create a forum across North East Essex that will allow Councillors to communicate the views of their constituents with the GP practice leads directly be supported and the CCG urged to implement this as soon as possible.
- the continued hard work of the North East Essex Clinical Commissioning Group and local NHS providers, Dr Gogarty and the Public Health team at Essex County Council as well as this Council's redeployed/redirected staff supporting those in need due to Covid-19 restrictions be recognised.

PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION(S) TO CABINET

Portfolio Holder Comments

The comments of the Partnerships Portfolio Holder are as follows:-

"The CCG are keen to create a forum across North East Essex for Councillors to be able to directly communicate the views of their constituents to GP practice leads and I warmly welcome this opportunity which I believe will allow our councillors to raise issues of concern and also understand the issues GPs face. It will also allow us to address together how we can support each other to achieve our shared aims. I am aware that our CCG wanted to progress this but I do understand in the

current pandemic situation this has not been able to be delivered yet but look forward to future progress in this area”.

Recommendation(s) to Cabinet

That the recommendations of the Community Leadership Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted and the comments of the Partnerships Portfolio Holder, in response thereto, be endorsed.