

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

22nd August 2017

SCRUTINY INVESTIGATION PROPOSAL – HOSPITAL CAR PARKING CHARGES

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Margaret Sherrey
Portfolio Holder Consulted	No
Relevant Head of Service for Overview and Scrutiny	Claire Felton – Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services
Wards Affected	All wards
Ward Councillor Consulted	No – not at this stage
Non-Key Decision	

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

- 1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Board are requested to investigate the Planning delegations within the Council's Constitution. This follows a notice of motion put forward by Councillor P. M. McDonald at the Council meeting held on 19th July 2017, as follows:

“This Council calls upon all local hospitals to stop charging for parking, that in reality is financially punishing people for receiving treatment or visiting loved ones”

Following discussion at the Council meeting it was agreed that the item would be referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Board for further consideration.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Board considers the request and resolves one of the following:
- (a) that the request is included on the work programme and the Board undertakes the investigation, at a future date to be determined; OR
 - (b) that a Task Group is established to undertake a more in-depth investigation, appoint a Chairman for the Task Group, discuss broad terms of reference and set a time scale for completion of the investigation; OR
 - (c) that further information be requested from a relevant source before deciding whether or not further investigation is required; OR
 - (d) that no further action is taken.

3. KEY ISSUES

Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no financial implications directly relating to this report, however, if the proposal is accepted, any implications would be considered as part of the subsequent investigation undertaken.

Legal Implications

- 3.2 There are no legal implications directly relating to this report, however, if the proposal is accepted, any implications would be considered as part of the subsequent investigation undertaken.

Service/Operation Implications

- 3.3 A request from full Council has been made to consider the issue of charging for car parking at hospitals, following a notice of motion.
- 3.4 If the Board decides that it does wish to investigate this topic further, it then needs to decide whether it is appropriate for the Board itself to undertake the investigation or whether a more in-depth investigation is required and a task group or short sharp preview established.
- 3.5 A further option is for the Board to request further information on the topic from a relevant source to assist Members in deciding whether it is a topic it wishes to investigate further.
- 3.6 Alternatively, the Board could decide that it is not a topic it wishes to investigate, in which case no further action would be required.

Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 3.7 N/A

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 N/A

5. APPENDICES

Minute Extract from the Council meeting held on 19th July 2017 (to follow).

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

7. KEY

None

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