

## ***Report to Council***

***Date of meeting: 26 April 2016***

**Subject: Overview and Scrutiny Report to Council**

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### **Recommendations/Decisions Required:**

**That the Overview and Scrutiny progress report for February 2016 to the present be noted.**

### **Report:**

1. At our meeting on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February we received a presentation from members of the Barts Health NHS Trust. They were Fiona Smith (Managing Director for Whipps Cross Hospital), Dr Heather Noble (Medical Director) and Felicia Kwaku (Interim Director of Nursing). This was the second visit from Barts Health Trust; they last visited us in June 2015. They updated the Committee on the improvements they were making to their hospitals in response to the damning CQC inspection report that put Whipps Cross Hospital into special measures.
2. They have now finalised their improvement plan called 'Safe and Compassionate' and detailed the actions that staff, patients and partners felt were necessary to provide the communities they serve with safe, compassionate and high quality care.
3. We noted that they had so far achieved a 68% reduction in serious incidents. They had trained 40 safety champions stationed throughout the Trust and were implementing 'care bundles' across the trust.
4. We also noted that they were well on their way to filling all of their vacancies and in the process improving staff moral. We thanked them for their excellent presentation and for the work they have done so far.
5. The Committee then went on to consider a consultation by Basildon Borough Council on their Local Plan, giving us the chance to comment on their provision for Gypsy and Traveller communities and the possible effects it would have on us.
6. We then considered the quarter 3 performance of the Key Performance Indicators, with which we were satisfied.
7. Then we considered a report on the review of the waste recycling collection arrangements, which will be coming to a future meeting of the Cabinet. This was in response to the PICK form put in by Councillor Breare-Hall, requesting that we review the recent problems had by the waste collection service.

8. We went on to receive an updating report on the recommendations made by the recent Youth Engagement Task and Finish Panel after their recommendations were considered by the Cabinet in December 2015.

9. We noted the recent consultation from the Essex County Fire and Rescue Service agreeing to their third option to restructure response arrangements and make savings and generate £3million extra funding to support prevention and protection activities.

10. Finally, we reviewed our Work Programme and the Cabinet's Forward Plan but had no specific items that we wanted to consider.