

PLEASE NOTE VENUE

ADULT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AND HEALTH SCRUTINY FORUM AGENDA



Tuesday 12 June 2007

at 3.00 pm

**at Jutland Road Community Centre,
Jutland Road, Hartlepool**

**MEMBERS: ADULT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AND HEALTH SCRUTINY
FORUM:**

Councillors Atkinson, Barker, Brash, Cranney, Fleet, Griffin, G Lilley, Plant, Sutheran,
Worthy and Young.

Resident Representatives:

Mary Green, Jean Kennedy and Joan Norman

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**
- 3. MINUTES**
 - 3.1 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 29 March 2007.
 - 3.2 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 10 April 2007.
- 4. RESPONSES FROM THE COUNCIL, THE EXECUTIVE OR COMMITTEES OF THE
COUNCIL TO FINAL REPORTS OF THIS FORUM**

No items.
- 5. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR SCRUTINY REVIEWS REFERRED VIA
SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE**

No items.

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6. CONSIDERATION OF PROGRESS REPORTS / BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK DOCUMENTS

No items.

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- 7.1 The Role of the Adult and Community and Services and Health Scrutiny Forum – *Scrutiny Support Officer*
- 7.2 Determining the Adult and Community Services and Health Scrutiny Forum's Work Programme for 2007/08 – *Scrutiny Support Officer*
- 7.3 Appointments to Outside Bodies – Assistant Chief Executive

8. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS ARE URGENT

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- i) Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 24 July 2007 commencing at 3.00 pm at West View Community Centre, Miers Avenue, Hartlepool

ADULT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AND HEALTH SCRUTINY FORUM

MINUTES

29th March 2007

The meeting commenced at 2.15pm in Throston Grange Community Centre,
Glamorgan Grove, Hartlepool

Present:

Councillor: Gerald Wistow (In the Chair)

Councillors: Jonathan Brash, Mary Fleet, Geoff Lilley and Gladys Worthy

Resident Representative:
Joan Norman

Also Present Ali Wilson, Hartlepool PCT

Officers: Sajda Banaras, Scrutiny Support Officer
Angela Hunter, Principal Democratic Services Officer

116. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Stephen Akers-Belcher, Sheila Griffin, John Lauderdale, Pat Rayner and David Young.

117. Declarations of interest by Members

Councillor Jonathan Brash declared a non-prejudicial interest in minutes 123, 124, 125 and 126. Councillor Mary Fleet declared a non-prejudicial interest in minute 124.

118. Minutes of the meetings held on 16th and 29th January, 27th February and 6th March 2007

Confirmed.

119. Matters Arising

Members requested an update on the Forum's report submitted to the Executive in relation to Eldon Grove Community Sports Centre. Although no formal response had been received, Members were informed that it was understood that it was the Executive's intention to retain the current service

provided at the Centre if at all possible. In light of this, a 3-month extension period to the proposed closure had been agreed by the Executive to enable any expressions of interest in continuing to provide this service to be made. The Scrutiny Support Officer indicated that a request for a formal response to be submitted to this Forum would be considered.

120. Responses from the Council, the Executive or Committees of the Council to Final Reports of this Forum

None.

121. Consideration of request for scrutiny reviews referred via Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee

None.

122. Consideration of progress reports/budget and policy framework documents

None.

123. Fairness and Equity in Primary Care – Covering Report *(Scrutiny Support Officer)*

The Scrutiny Support Officer advised Members that a representative from Hartlepool PCT had been invited to the meeting to discuss Fairness and Equity in Primary Care. Members were also reminded that a referral had recently been received from the South Neighbourhood Consultative Forum requesting that Primary Care provision across Hartlepool be examined, commencing with the Wynyard Road Primary Care Centre.

The representative from Hartlepool PCT presented a paper to the Forum which provided the background to the independent procurement of primary medical services which highlighted that Hartlepool was amongst the thirty most under doctored areas in the country. The main aim of the project was to provide a mechanism to make a significant impact on the inequalities in health experienced by Hartlepool people, whilst improving health outcomes and patient experience of primary medical services. As well as core services, the following specialist services would be included in the procurement:

- New GP practice providing substance misuse services
- Re-commissioning of existing PCTMS practice at Wynyard Road
- New GP practice preferably situated on the hospital site and within A&E also providing urgent care and OOH's provision.

Members sought clarification on the situation with the Wynyard Road Primary

Care Centre. The representative from the PCT indicated that the Centre was open and had always been open and the closure had been wrongly reported. However, the emergency care practitioner service had been withdrawn due to concerns with patient and practitioner safety. The provision of urgent care was currently part of a review which would form a strategy for the provision of urgent care, including a Rapid Response Team working alongside emergency practitioners across the whole community.

The representative from the PCT sought the views of Members on the comprehensiveness of the consultation being undertaken and questions posed within the document submitted to this meeting. The Chair responded that although the Forum had sight of the consultation paper in January 2007, Members were unclear exactly what they were being consulted on as the questions posed in the document tabled at today's meeting were not in the earlier paper. Members were of the understanding that the PCT had taken legal advice in relation to the consultation. The Forum had been advised by a representative from the Authority's Legal Division and this advice contradicted the advice given to the PCT. It was suggested that in light of similar issues raised during the consultation on the Reconfiguration of the PCTs, that a protocol for consultation be drawn up between the Local Authority and Hartlepool PCT. It was noted that Members of this Forum had been placed in a difficult position. They had the right to refer this matter to the Secretary of State. On a previous occasion, they had judged that it would not be in the interests of partnership working to make such a reference. However, given the repeated difference of opinion between their respective legal advisors, they felt bound to reserve their position on a possible reference to the Secretary of State until the PCT's response to the proposed protocol was known. The representative from the PCT indicated that advice had been received from the Department of Health and acknowledged that the PCT should consult and engage more fully. Furthermore, whilst accepting this, the representative from the PCT recognised the need to work in partnership with the Local Authority with the aim of providing better services for local people.

Members sought clarification of the Out of Hours and emergency care provision in Hartlepool. The representative from the PCT indicated that the proposed Centre at the old Barlows building in Park Road was currently a work in progress with a view to providing primary care services, including four GPs, a huge range of services including minor theatre, gynaecology and urgent care from 8.00am-6.00pm initially. Although the PCT were not looking to expedite the proposed changes to the way emergency care was provided in Hartlepool, it was hoped that longer term planning would see the Centre opening for longer hours and possibly weekends.

Members had noted that it had been reported in the media that Hartlepool primary care provision would be part of a pilot scheme to include contracting of services to social enterprises and supermarkets. The representative from the PCT responded that expressions of interest had already been generated from some GPs and their partners to procure the provision of primary care services.

Councillor Jonathan Brash declared a further non-prejudicial interest in this item.

In response to a question, the representative from the PCT indicated that there would be ambulance bays provided within the development at Park Road and that the Ambulance Trust was currently examining the possibility of locating ambulance bases in both the North and South of Hartlepool.

In relation to the proposed location of a primary care facility within the grounds of the University Hospital of Hartlepool, the representative from the PCT indicated that they were currently working with the Acute Trust to develop this proposal. Members questioned whether the provision of primary care services at this site was related with the withdrawal of consultant-led services at the Hospital. The representative from the PCT responded that these two issues were never part of the same discussions and that the changes to the Accident and Emergency services provided at the hospital were the part of the Tees Review. Members queried whether the provision of urgent care would be best provided within the centre of Hartlepool. The representative from the PCT stated that this would be examined in the fullness of time, but in the short term, this service would best be provided in a location that people were used to visiting for urgent care/emergency services.

Members sought clarification on the future of the primary care facility provided in Caroline Street. The representative responded that the premises in Caroline Street were currently undergoing refurbishment, but that this was mainly maintenance required to keep the Centre operational over the next 5-10 years. There was to be no huge investment in this building in the short term. However, the future of this site would be more certain, after the long-term future of the Hospital was finalised.

The representative from the PCT was thanked for her attendance and for answering Members questions at which point she left the meeting.

Members were disappointed that the finalised consultation paper had been tabled at today's meeting and felt unable to provide a full response to the consultation at this stage. Members felt that ideally extended accident and emergency provision should be provided in the Town Centre. Members were concerned that the provision of a contract for 5-10 years, whilst awaiting the finalisation of the hospital proposals, would provide a sub-optimal service. It was suggested that Further information on the number of GPs and level of provision across Hartlepool would assist Members when forming their response to this consultation.

It was noted also that the Authority would need to examine the road layout and provision of access to the proposed site in Park Road and should work in conjunction with the PCT to co-ordinate a timetable for this. Members were also concerned about safeguarding jobs in Hartlepool as part of the contracting out arrangements for primary care services.

Decision

- (i) That the Local Authority's legal division, in consultation with the PCT, urgently develop a protocol for consultation.
- (ii) That an initial response be made to Hartlepool PCT's Consultation:-
 - (a) That the Forum is pleased to receive proposals to increase the numbers of GPs in Hartlepool however, the numbers proposed are small in comparison to media reports detailing what is required to bring Hartlepool up to the national standard.
 - (b) That the services proposed are adequate;
 - (c) In relation to the proposed location, that extended A&E Services should be located in the Town Centre. Rather than develop a sub-optimal service it would be the Forum's preference that the service is contracted and located where it is most needed (i.e. the town centre) from the outset.
 - (d) That the Executive ensures that discussions are being held around the Barlow's Sites in relation to road layout to ensure that all systems are co-ordinated as necessary.
 - (e) That the PCT and NTH consider jointly the issue of Urgent Care in Hartlepool and develop a holistic plan; and,
 - (f) That in respect of providers, the PCT gives consideration to delivering services in partnership with local CVS organisations.
 - (g) That the Forum reserves its position on a reference to the Secretary of State pending the PCT's response to the proposed protocol

124. Determining a Response – Foundation Trust Status Consultation – North Tees and Hartlepool Trust *(Scrutiny Support Officer)*

The Scrutiny Support Officer presented a report which outlined the consultation process that the North Tees and Hartlepool Trust were undertaking. Members will recall that the Chief Executive of the Trust was in attendance at the last meeting of this Forum and the key issues raised at this meeting were outlined below to aid Members determine their response.

- (a) The Trust is requesting the Adult and Community Services and Health Scrutiny Forum to support its application for Foundation Status;
- (b) The Trust is consulting upon its 'Vision for the Future' and its proposed governance arrangements for the Board of Governors and the Board of Directors;
- (c) That in respect of the Board, the Trust is able to modify the numbers involved but not the proportionality as this is pre-determined on population size;
- (d) That by becoming a Foundation Trust, North Tees and Hartlepool NHS

Trust will be able to become more responsive and flexible locally via the newly acquired freedoms.

- (e) That North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Trust will remain a clinically led Trust and will not be driven by business-like objectives.
- (f) The viability of the health economy as a whole will remain a key concern for NTH;
- (g) That if a Foundation Trust becomes financially unstable and thereby unviable the situation in respect of future action remains the same as that of an Acute Trust. i.e. that staff will be made redundant and turn-around teams will be brought in to address the situation.
- (h) That North-Teess and Hartlepool NHS Trust will seek to engage with the Neighbourhood Consultative Forums in Hartlepool;
- (i) That NTH will feedback results of the Consultation process to any groups that express an interest in receiving such information;
- (j) That the Trust's medium / long-term strategy for the future is in line with the Darzi Report and the subsequent direction from the Secretary of State;
- (k) In terms of reinvesting Capital Receipts accrued from the Sale of Land as a Foundation Trust, NTH confirmed that reinvestment would be made in line with the Trusts long-term strategy;
- (l) That NTH does not have any current plans to move services from Hartlepool Hospital if it is successful in its application to become a Foundation Trust;
- (m) North Tees and Hartlepool Trust own 70% of the Hartlepool Hospital site and have recently taken a decision to reclaim the remainder of the land from the Secretary of State.

At that meeting, it had been suggested that the Chief Executive of the Trust attend the three Neighbourhood Consultative Forums across the Town as part of the Trust's consultation process. Members were informed that the Communications Manager of the Trust had attended the Neighbourhood Forums earlier this week. However, it was noted that the content of the presentation and answering of questions had been disappointing with some of the responses needing to be referred to the Chief Executive of the Trust who did not attend.

The Scrutiny Support Officer informed Members that at the Joint Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Committee, Members had acknowledged that whilst it was Government policy that all Trusts would be Foundation Trusts by 2008 they indicated that Members should have a role in the creation of a constitution for the Foundation Trust.

Members noted that as it was the Government's policy to create Foundation Trusts, it was not appropriate for this Forum to support or not support this application. However, Members were keen to be involved in the development of a Constitution.

Members were requested to give delegated authority to the Chair, in conjunction with the Scrutiny Support Officer, to finalise a response to the consultation of North Tees and Hartlepool Trust's application for Foundation Status.

Decision

That delegated authority be granted to the Chair, in conjunction with the Scrutiny Support Officer to finalise a response to the consultation of North Tees and Hartlepool Trust's application for Foundation Trust status based on the key issues outlined above.

125. Social Prescribing – Draft Final Report *(Adult and Community Services and Health Scrutiny Forum)*

The Scrutiny Support Officer submitted the Draft Final Report of this Forum following their on-going enquiry into Social Prescribing.

During this inquiry the Forum:

- 1) Examined detailed Officer reports supplemented by verbal evidence;
- 2) Were provided with evidence from:
 - (i) The Authority's Portfolio Holder for Adult and Public Health Services;
 - (ii) Representatives from HVDA; Hartlepool PCT, Hartlepool MIND, Hartlepool NDC
- 3) Examined good practice that existed within a neighbouring Local Authority;
- 4) Received the views of local service users.

The Forum's key recommendations to Council and Hartlepool PCT were to be championed by both organisations for implementation and action and were as follows:

- (a) That the authority agrees that Social Prescribing is a priority and use the evidence gathered through this investigation, and other studies to agree a framework for Hartlepool;
- (b) That work is undertaken locally to standardise the definition of Social Prescribing;

- (c) That work is undertaken to establish a clear picture of Social Prescribing projects currently offered in Hartlepool or those that can be encompassed within the definition of Social Prescribing with a view to standardising issues such as the availability of information, data protection, referral routes and evaluation;
- (d) That Social Prescribing be linked to the Public Health Strategy outcomes;
- (e) That Social Prescribing be incorporated within the Voluntary Sector Strategy Development;
- (f) That Social Prescribing be linked to any future Commissioning strategies;
- (g) That funding streams to support Social Prescribing in the long-term be considered;
- (h) That the Council link the outcomes of the FACS consultation to developing Social Prescribing;
- (i) That work is undertaken by HBC and HPCT with the PBC Group in a bid to increase the level of support for Social Prescribing;
- (j) That work be undertaken to identify target groups who would benefit from Social Prescribing initiatives, including carers and hard to reach groups;
- (k) That capacity issues be considered within the VCS in conjunction with plans to develop Social Prescribing;

Decision

That delegated authority be given to the Chair, in conjunction with the Scrutiny Support Officer to finalise the report for submission to Scrutiny Coordinating Committee for endorsement on 27th April 2007.

126. Draft Final Report - Response to Hartlepool PCTs Consultation on its Proposed Management Arrangements *(Adult and Community Services and Health Scrutiny Forum)*

The Scrutiny Support Officer submitted the Draft Final Report of this Forum following their on-going enquiry into Social Prescribing.

During this inquiry the Forum had received evidence, as detailed in previous minutes of meetings. Due to the limited time available to undertake this inquiry, the key method of investigation involved detailed reports supplemented by verbal evidence by representatives of Hartlepool Primary Care Trust.

Based on the evidence considered during the investigation, the recommendations were as follows:

Hartlepool PCT

- (a) That future consultation/engagement exercises undertaken by Hartlepool PCT comply at a minimum with the Cabinet Office Code of Practice on written consultations;
- (b) That consultation processes are planned clearly with identifiable markers identifying where Scrutiny can input into the process;
- (c) That the PCT submit an update report to this Forum on the development of the management structure including plans for Joint Commissioning with the Council together with the terms of reference for any Tees and North wide Joint Committees.

Hartlepool Borough Council

- (d) That the Executive draws to the attention of national and regional organisations, such as the LGA and ANEC, the nature of the legal advice received by this Local Authority, namely that consultation on proposed management arrangements are subject to a formal statutory consultation process.

During the discussion which ensued it was noted that as identified earlier in this meeting, a draft protocol would be written in partnership with Hartlepool Council and Hartlepool PCT in relation to future consultation arrangements. The Chair referred to Sir Ian Caruthers statement that "The NHS approach to consultation was below standard and that the bar should be raised."

Decision

That delegated authority be given to the Chair, in conjunction with the Scrutiny Support Officer to finalise the report for consideration by Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee on 27th April 2007.

127. Any Other Business

Members had recently been invited to participate in a Scrutiny Committee at Easington District Council in relation to the proposals for the University Hospital of Hartlepool. It had proved a very valuable and enjoyable meeting. However, Councillor Jonathan Brash wished it to be noted that a statement he had made at that meeting had been mis-represented in the local press earlier this week.

GERALD WISTOW

CHAIRMAN

ADULT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AND HEALTH SCRUTINY FORUM

MINUTES

10 April 2007

The meeting commenced at 10.00 a.m. at Throston Grange
Community Centre, Hartlepool

Present:

Councillor: Councillors: Jonathan Brash, Sheila Griffin and Gladys Worthy

Also Present

Karen Gater, Hartlepool PCT
Sandra Hill, Hartlepool PCT
Carol Pearson, North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Trust
Jan Atkinson, North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Trust
Aidan Mullen, North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Trust

Officers: Sajda Banaras, Scrutiny Support Officer
Denise Wimpenny, Principal Democratic Services Officer

128 Inquorate Meeting

It was noted that the meeting was not quorate.

129 Appointment of Chair

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, Councillor Jonathan Brash was appointed as Chair for this meeting.

COUNCILLOR BRASH IN THE CHAIR

130 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Stephen Akers-Belcher, Caroline Barker, Mary Fleet, John Lauderdale, Geoff Lilley, Pat Rayner, Gerald Wistow and David Young.

131 Declarations of interest by Members

Councillor Jonathan Brash declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in Minute Numbers 136 and 140.

132 Minutes of the meeting held on 29 March 2007

Due to the unavailability of the minutes this item was deferred pending approval of the minutes by the Chair.

133 Responses from the Council, the Executive or Committees of the Council to Final Reports of this Forum

None.

134 Consideration of request for scrutiny reviews referred via Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee

None.

135 Consideration of progress reports/budget and policy framework documents

None.

136 Hartlepool PCT – ‘Annual Healthcheck’ *(Scrutiny Support Officer)*

The Scrutiny Support Officer advised that under a new quality checking regime of the Healthcare Commission, health scrutiny committees had the opportunity to comment on Trust performance. Any comments made by a Health Scrutiny Forum would be inserted into the Trust's declaration of performance against the standards as unedited contributions.

A representative from Hartlepool PCT provided a presentation which set out the core standards and the Trust's evidenced performance against those targets which included:-

- Hartlepool's vision for care
- Standards for better health
- Details of 5 areas of insufficient assurance
- Action Plans for all areas of insufficient assurance
- Progress to date on Action Plans
- Details of assessment process
- Current position

- Future proposals

In conclusion, Members were advised that assurance could be taken from the systems already in existence which included the Standards for Better Health assessment process, Assurance Framework, Statement of Internal Control and Audit Commission Annual Statement.

A Member queried how the PCT reconfiguration affected this process to which the Trust representative advised that the two organisations had been assessed and monitored separately.

The representatives left the meeting and sought Members comments by the following day. It was suggested that the Scrutiny Support Officer provide a written response to the PCT on behalf of the Forum in consultation with the Chair.

Recommendation

That the information given, be noted and the Scrutiny Support Officer provide a written response to the PCT on behalf of the Forum.

137 North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Trust – ‘Annual Healthcheck’ *(Scrutiny Support Officer)*

The Scrutiny Support Officer advised that under a new quality checking regime of the Healthcare Commission, health scrutiny committees had the opportunity to comment on Trust performance. Any comments made by a Health Scrutiny Forum would be inserted into the Trust's declaration of performance against the standards as unedited contributions.

A representative from North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Trust presented the report which set out the core standards and the Trust's evidenced performance against those standards.

It was reported that the Annual Healthcheck was subject to changes from the previous year. There were 22 changes which had led to a full appraisal of the 24 core standards which were disaggregated into 46 sub-standards. Each of the 46 sub-standards had been reviewed to assess compliance. A project plan had been developed and was attached at Appendix A. Last year the Trust had two areas of non-compliance, details of which were outlined. The Trust had placed significant emphasis on achieving actions plans initiated to ensure compliance for 06/07. This had delivered a positive outcome. The Trust had carried out a comprehensive review of evidence available to assess level of compliance, details of which were set out in Appendix B. As such the Trust, under core standards was declaring compliance. With regard to developmental standards, excellent developmental progress in relation to safety had been proposed with good developmental progress in relation to clinical and cost effectiveness. Members views were sought on the Trust's declaration.

Discussion ensued in which the following issues were raised:-

With regard to the clinical and cost effectiveness aspect, what would constitute excellent? It was reported that there were 48 different standards in one directorate. One of the requirements for compliance was to ensure there was a process in place to receive, implement and undertake audits on each of the standards. Whilst it had been acknowledged that excellent systems and processes were in place each individual standard had not been audited.

Do you consider the transfer to foundation status is positive in terms of achieving the core standards? The representative advised that this was monitored by the Health Care Clinical Excellence which was equally as important as well as customer choice and the requirement to maintain the level of care to core standards.

138 Quorate Meeting

Councillors Geoff Lilley and Mary Fleet joined the meeting and it was noted that the meeting was now quorate.

139 North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Trust – ‘Annual Healthcheck’ *(Scrutiny Support Officer)*

What was the current waiting times for patient appointments? The North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Trust representative advised that at present all patients received an appointment within 20 weeks.

Discussion ensued in relation to the difficulties experienced by some patients treated at North Tees Hospital without their own transport. The representative provided clarification on the circumstances in which an ambulance was provided as well as the alternative options available.

The Forum welcomed that the Trust was intending to declare full compliance with the 24 core standards.

Decision

- (i) That the information given, be noted and the Trust's full compliance with the 24 core standards, be welcomed.
- (ii) That the Scrutiny Support Officer be authorised to provide a written response to the Trust on behalf of the Forum, in consultation with the Chair.

140 Hartlepool PCT – ‘Annual Healthcheck’ (*Scrutiny Support Officer*)

The Scrutiny Support Officer summarised the issues raised as highlighted in Minute No 136 above.

The Forum welcomed that the Trust was intending to declare full compliance with the 24 core standards and recognised the vast amount of work necessary to achieve compliance. The Forum highlighted Core Standard 17 as an area for review to ensure that the Trust maintained its compliance in this area.

Decision

- (i) That the information given, be noted and the Trust’s full compliance with the 24 core standards, be welcomed.
- (i) That Core Standard 17 be highlighted as an area for review to ensure that the Trust maintained its compliance in this area.
- (ii) That the Scrutiny Support Officer to authorised to provide a written response to the PCT on behalf of the Forum, in consultation with the Chair.

JONATHAN BRASH

CHAIRMAN

ADULT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AND HEALTH REPORT

12 June 2007



Report of: Scrutiny Support Officer

Subject: THE ROLE OF THE ADULT AND COMMUNITY
SERVICES AND HEALTH SCRUTINY FORUM

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To give an overview of the role and functions of the Adult and Community Services and Health Scrutiny Forum.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Council's approach to Overview and Scrutiny has been informed by government guidance, best practice nationally and experience of what works locally to ensure that the Scrutiny Forum's operate in an optimum scrutiny structure that will enable the Forums to add value and improve services for the residents of Hartlepool.
- 2.2 The role of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee is briefly discussed in the following section. Following this in Sections 4 and 5, there are more detailed descriptions of the roles and functions of this forum.

3. ROLE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

- 3.1 The Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee is made up of the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the four standing Forums and a further two Members from each Forum. This approach enables the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee to draw on the experience of a variety of Members, represent a cross-section of political views and equally represent each of the four standing Forums. The Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee is responsible for the overall management of overview and scrutiny within the Authority. Other authorities' experience of scrutiny appears to have benefited from the establishment of such a body. Given the increasing importance of the scrutiny role under the new arrangements and the likely increase in workload of the scrutiny function the

role of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee is invaluable. The main roles and functions of the committee are as follows:-

- i) To work with the four forums to decide an annual overview and scrutiny work programme, including the programme of any ad-hoc forum that it appoints, to ensure that there is efficient use of the forums and that the potential for duplication of effort is minimised.
- ii) To lead the involvement of overview and scrutiny in the development of the budget and the plans and strategies that make up the policy framework and to delegate issues for consideration to the forums.
- iii) Where matters fall within the remit of more than one overview and scrutiny forum, to determine which of them will assume responsibility for any particular issue and to resolve any issues of dispute between overview and scrutiny forums.
- iv) To receive requests from Members, the Executive and/or the Full Council for items to be considered by overview and scrutiny forums and to allocate them, if appropriate to one or more overview and scrutiny forum.
- v) To put in place and maintain a system to ensure reports from overview and scrutiny to the executive are managed efficiently and do not exceed any limits set out in this constitution (this includes making decisions about the priority of reports, if the volume of such reports creates difficulty for the management of executive business or jeopardises the efficient running of the council business).
- vi) To exercise the power of call-in in relation to Executive decisions made as set out in Section 21 (3) of the Local Government Act 2000, or allocate them to the appropriate overview and scrutiny forum for consideration.

4. FUNCTIONS OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY FORUMS

4.1 The four standing Overview and Scrutiny Forums have three main functions and these are set out in the following paragraphs:

(a) Policy Development and Review.

Overview and Scrutiny Forums may:

- (i) Assist the Council and the Executive in the development of the budget and policy framework by in-depth analysis of policy issues;
- (ii) Conduct research, community and other consultation in the analysis of policy issues and possible options;
- (iii) Consider and implement mechanisms to encourage and enhance community participation in the development of policy options;

- (iv) Question Members of the Executive and Chief Officers about their views on issues and proposals affecting the area;
 - (v) Liaise with other external organisations operating in the area, whether national, regional or local, to ensure that the interests of local people are enhanced by collaborative working
- (b) Scrutiny

Overview and Scrutiny Forums may:

- (i) Review and scrutinise the decisions of the executive and chief officers both in relation to individual decisions and their overall strategic direction.
- (ii) Review and scrutinise the work of the Council in relation to its policy objectives, performance targets and/or particular service areas.
- (iii) Question members of the executive and chief officers about their decisions, whether generally in comparison with the service plans and targets over a period of time, or in relation to particular decisions, initiatives or projects.
- (iv) Review and scrutinise the performance of other public bodies in the area, requesting them to attend and address relevant scrutiny forums to speak about their activities and performance;
- (v) Investigate other issues of local concern, outside the control of the Council and other public bodies in the area, and make recommendations to the Council, the executive and/or other organisations arising from the outcome of the scrutiny process.
- (vi) Question and gather evidence from any person (with their consent)
- (vi) Make recommendations to the executive and/or the council arising from the outcome of the scrutiny process.

(c) Finance

Overview and Scrutiny Committees may exercise overall responsibility for the finances made available to them. This presently consists of a dedicated overview and scrutiny budget of 50k. Applications for funding must be made through Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee.

5. THE REMIT OF THIS FORUM

- 5.1 The strategic direction of the Scrutiny Forums will be to assess, monitor and advise on the Council's progress towards the 7 priority aims of the Community

Strategy whilst the operational direction of the individual Scrutiny Forums will be governed by the remits outlined in the Constitution.

The remit of the Adult and Community Services and Health Scrutiny Forum is as follows:-

To consider issues relating to specialist targeted and universal services in relation to Adults, culture and leisure and to exercise the powers of the Health and Social Care Act 2001 in considering the provision of health services at both local and regional level.

- 5.2 There will be, however, from time to time, be issues that could be considered by more than one forum and it will be for the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee to determine which forum should examine a particular issue. It is also open to the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee to appoint ad hoc forums. For example, where an issue comes within the remit of two scrutiny forums, the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee could decide to establish an ad hoc forum made up of four Members from each of those two Forums.
- 5.3 The Forum will undertake the Council's role in scrutinising the health service. Health Scrutiny is a responsibility given to Local Authority scrutineers under the Health and Social Care Act 2001. It expands upon powers given under the Local Government Act, which created the Overview and Scrutiny function so that elected members could examine local services and policies and look for ways to improve them. Health Scrutiny has much wider responsibilities, looking not only at local authorities themselves, but also at all health service providers and any other factors that affect people's health.
- 5.4 Members of the Forum also have a key role to play in joint scrutiny across the Tees Valley area and with additional local partners such as Stockton on Tees Borough Council, Durham County Council and Sedgefield and Easington District Councils whose residents are often served by the same health service providers.

6. SCHEDULE OF FORUM DATES FOR 2007/08

- 6.1 Detailed below, for Members information, are the scheduled dates for meetings of the Adult and Community Services and Health Scrutiny Forum in 2007/08. Please note that scheduled meetings will be held in various community buildings throughout Hartlepool, with the capacity for additional meetings to be arranged where required to accommodate the needs of individual inquiries.

Tuesday 24 July 2007 at 3.00pm

Tuesday 4 September 2007 at 3.00pm

Tuesday 9 October 2007 at 3.00pm

7. CONCLUSIONS

- 7.1 No specific action is required as a result of this report, however, Members may have questions about the role of the Forum.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:-

- i) Hartlepool Borough Council Constitution.

ADULT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AND HEALTH SCRUTINY FORUM

12 June 2007



Report of: Scrutiny Support Officer

Subject: DETERMINING THE SCRUTINY FORUM'S WORK
PROGRAMME FOR 2007/08

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide the Members of the Adult and Community Services and Health Scrutiny Forum with a range of information, extracted from various sources to assist in the consideration of suitable topics for inclusion into the Forum's Work Programme for the 2007/08 Municipal Year.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Adult and Community Services and Health Scrutiny Forum needs to develop a Work Programme for the 2007/08 Municipal Year, together with a timeframe for each review, for consideration by the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee on 29 June 2007. Detailed terms of reference should be developed at the start of each review.
- 2.2 As such the Director of Adult and Community Services, Assistant Chief Executive for Hartlepool PCT, Assistant Chief Executive for North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Trust; Cabinet Members for Adult and Public Health Services and Culture, Leisure and Tourism; Local Area Agreement Reward Element Targets (Also known as LPSA2); Corporate Performance Plan (BVPP); the View point Surveys; and consultation with Patient and Public Involvement Forums have been the foundation sources for this report to enable the Forum to compile its Work Programme.
- 2.3 However, it should be appreciated that some of the areas detailed below are continually evolving and further details will emerge throughout the year.
- 2.4 Members may also wish to factor into the work programme time to contribute to 'the annual healthcheck', which provides for overview and scrutiny committees to participate in the self-assessment process for NHS Trusts. NHS Trusts are expected to ask all Scrutiny Forums in their area for their views on the standards. The Healthcare Commission is clear that Members "are not expected to have an in-depth, expert knowledge about all the

services that a trust is providing and being assessed on". It is anticipated that the Trust(s) will publish a draft declaration in April 2007.

- 2.5 In conducting health scrutiny Members may wish to note that the Health Scrutiny Regulations enable scrutiny committees to request the attendance of an officer from a local NHS body to answer questions and NHS bodies are under a duty to comply with these requests.
- 2.6 In addition to establishing the Forum's Work Programme, the Forum may consider it appropriate to receive illustrations from service departments in relation to impending legislation and to respond on an ad hoc basis to emerging issues which would be considered appropriate for an investigation or review to be undertaken.

TOPIC	Director, Cabinet Member / Health Trust	PPI Forum	NHS Consultation	Member(s)	Referral	Viewpoint Survey April 2006 to May 2007
The development of primary and community services in Hartlepool. (With particular reference to Wynyard Road) Issue: Council referral, consideration of which is mandatory.					X	
Pathway to Healthcare Issue: Following the IRP recommendations this pathway is to help plan new hospital, primary and community services and facilities for the people of Teesside	X					
HPCT's Assurance Framework Issues may include: Integrated Teams; Alcohol Strategy; Smoking Cessation and, 18 Weeks Waiting Targets.	X					
Indoor Facilities Strategy Issue: Scrutinising the Council's indoor facilities strategy.	X					

TOPIC	Director, Elected Mayor and Cabinet Member	PPI Forum	NHS Consultation	Member (s)	Referral	Viewpoint Survey January 2005 to February 2006
Future of Library Services Issue: An investigation into the future of library services.	X					
Supporting people inspection and housing strategy Issue: Scrutinising the Council's supporting people inspection and housing strategy.	X					
Personalisation agenda Issue: Scrutinising the move towards greater personalization. E.g. direct payments and individualized budgets.	X					
Public health strategy Issue: Exploring the public health strategy	X					
Carer's Report Referral Issue: To be updated verbally to the Forum - Non Mandatory Referral		X				
Future of Provider Services Issue: To consider how provider services may be run/managed in the future	X					

TOPIC	Director, Elected Mayor and Cabinet Member	PPI Forum	NHS Consultation	Member (s)	Referral	Viewpoint Survey January 2005 to February 2006
Healthy eating; Issue: Viewpoint members were asked about promoting healthy eating in Hartlepool.						X
Council-run Community Centres Issue: Viewpoint members were asked about their usage of Council community centres and future development of activities therein.						X

- 2.7 In considering potential work programme items for 2007/08 Members may also wish to update the 3 year rolling work programme for this Forum. The establishment of the rolling work programme is considered best practice as outlined in the health scrutiny guidance. This is to enable local partners to be aware in advance of forthcoming priorities of the health scrutiny forum.

ROLLING HEALTH SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME – YEARS 2 & 3	Estimated timetable for consideration by the Forum
Prime-Care	Y2/3
Smoking	Y2/3
Adult Learning	Y2/3

- 2.8 In setting the Work Programme for 2007/8 consideration also needs to be given to the following Budget and Policy Framework documents and 6 Monthly Review reports, which will be presented to the Forum during the course of the year.

BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK ITEMS	Estimated timetable for consideration by the Forum
Annual Library Plan	September 2007

28 DAY RESPONSE / 6 MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORTS ON COMPLETED REVIEWS	To be considered by the Forum
Social Prescribing	July / August 2007
Reconfiguration of HPCT	July / August 2007
Fairness and Equity in Primary Care	July / August 2007
FACS Update	To be determined.

- 2.9 Having considered the above information together with topics identified by individual Members' for inclusion into the Work Programme, the Forum may wish to discuss various aspects contained within the Corporate Plan 2007/08 to raise potential areas for consideration. They could range from areas already identified as suitable for development through Commitments or areas where the specific performance is below the targeted level. For this purpose, **Appendices A and B** detail the relevant Sections of the Corporate Plan for the Panel's consideration as outlined below:-

Appendix A – Council's Priority Contributions to Community Strategy Themes 'Health and Care'; 'Culture and Leisure'; 'Environment and Housing'; 'Strengthening Communities' and 'Lifelong Learning and Skills'.

Appendix B - Performance Indicator Table: 'Health and Care'; 'Culture and Leisure'; 'Environment and Housing'; 'Strengthening Communities' and 'Lifelong Learning and Skills'.

Appendix C – Local Area Agreement Reward Element Targets (also known as LPSA2) of relevance to the Adult and Community Services and Health Scrutiny Forum.

- 2.10 The Forum may also wish to apply a degree of emphasis on a particular source for example, would the Forum consider issues which are clearly raised as a concern by the public to carry more weight than those considered important by the service provider? In practice the Forum will need to apply a considered opinion from all sources against the individual subject area.
- 2.11 Once the Forum has identified Scrutiny topics, anticipated time frames need to be applied. It is suggested to the Forum that a standard template for applying time allocations should be treated with caution as when scoping a subject a number of complexities may arise, therefore the anticipated duration should be allocated to the subjects on an individual basis.

- 2.12 The Forum is also advised to be cautious in setting an overly ambitious Work Programme for which it may be unable to deliver.
- 2.13 In addition to the above, the Forum may also consider establishing some small Sub-Groups, known as Working Groups to look at sharp focused areas of supplementary aspects of the main topic being scrutinised.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Adult and Community Services and Health Scrutiny Forum is requested to consider the wide range of information detailed within this report to assist in the determination of its 2007/08 Work Programme, to be approved by the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee at its meeting on 29 June 2007. Members may want to choose a maximum of two items for the coming year, which will allow for flexibility in its work programme for emerging issues and referrals from Council/Cabinet.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:-

- (i) Corporate Performance Plan for 2007/08
- (ii) Community Strategy
- (iii) View point Survey – May 2006 to April 2007

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Corporate Plan Action Plan 2007/08 – Community Strategy Themes / Council Priorities

This Forum's remit covers Actions under the following Community Strategy Themes / Council Priority areas:

- Lifelong Learning and Skills;
- Health and Care;
- Environment and Housing;
- Culture and Leisure; and
- Strengthening Communities.

The information provided in the appendix includes all of the 'key achievements' and the 'vision' for each of the relevant Community Strategy Themes. The Themes are divided into the Corporate Plan Objectives that have some relevance to this Forum. Under each Corporate Plan Objective there are a number of Actions. However, not all of the Actions under the Corporate Plan Objectives fall under the remit of this Forum, where this is the case the Action is included here but it is indicated that it is not under this Forum's remit.

Lifelong Learning and Skills

Community Strategy / Council Priority	Help all individuals, groups and organisations realise their full potential, ensure the highest quality opportunities in education and lifelong learning, and raise standards of attainment
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Key achievements in 2006/07

- Hartlepool schools achieved the best ever GCSE results for the town, with 57.5% of pupils obtaining 5 or more A* - C passes.
- The DfES agreed to Hartlepool being in wave 5 of Building Schools for the Future, which should secure around £90 million pounds to redevelop the town's secondary school provision.

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In 5-10 years time: -

- All secondary schools will be refurbished or rebuilt
- Hope to replace or refurbish up to 50% of Hartlepool primary schools under the Government's Primary Capital programme

Lifelong Learning and Skills				
Corporate Plan Objective: Provision of high quality learning and skills opportunities that drive economic competitiveness, widen participation and build social justice (Ref: CO10)		Community Strategy Ref:		Key PIs: LAA LLS21
Ref:	Action	Date to be Completed	Responsible Officer	Links to Other Plans
LL06	To increase universal access and high quality learning and skills opportunities	Mar 08	John Menear	LAA Outcome 8
LL07	To increase universal access from disadvantaged/socially excluded groups to high quality learning and skills opportunities	Mar 08	John Menear	LAA Outcome 8

Health and Care

Community Strategy / Council Priority	Ensure access to the highest quality health, social care and support services, and improve the health, life expectancy and well-being of the community.
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Key achievements in 2006/07

- The Council has commenced building work (with our partners) on the 'Hartfields' Extra Care Retirement Village at Middle Warren.
- There has been a significant increase in the number and range of people receiving Direct Payments to enable them to arrange their own support and care.

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- There has been an increase in intermediate care with a corresponding impact on reducing nursing and residential care. Intermediate care is a range of personal care services provided at home to maintain people's independence and prevent them moving into unnecessary hospital/residential care admissions.
- Telecare Services have been introduced. Telecare is the remote or enhanced delivery of health and social services to people in their own homes by means of telecommunications and computerised systems.
- Work commenced on integration of Health and Social Care Team, with one team now being located in the community.
- The health and well-being of local people has been improved thanks to the Council and partners working together to tackle various public health issues, such as healthy eating, accidents and physical activity.
- The Local Authority secured funding for, and appointed, a Nutritionist who has worked with schools and in the Community to raise awareness of and improve access to health food.
- The School Catering Service implemented the new school food trust "standards" without major detriment to the number of meals served.

In 5-10 years time we will: -

- deliver person centred, community based services in accordance with the White Paper and Vision for Care.
- develop a work Commissioning based approach to our work which include integrated commissioning with our health partners.
- work with parties to deliver the wellbeing agenda.
- deliver a range of extra care facilities such as the Hartfields development
- ensure all people with Social care needs are able to take control of how their support is delivered
- develop and implement a strategy for working the third sector (such as voluntary organisations)

Health and Care				
Corporate Plan Objective: Improved health – reduce premature mortality rates and reduce inequalities in premature mortality rates between wards/neighbourhoods (Ref: CO11)		Community Strategy Ref: HC2		Key PIs: LAAHC1 – HC16
Ref	Action	Date to be Completed	Responsible Officer	Links to Other Plans
HC01	To develop proactive approaches to prevention of ill health by implementing actions within the Public Health Strategy and Action Plan	Mar 08	Peter Price	LAA Outcome 9

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CorporatePlan Objective: Exercise of choice and control and retention of personal dignity (Ref: CO13)					Community Strategy Ref: HC4, 14 & 18		Key PIs: B VPI 201 LAA H3-H5	
Ref:	Action				Date to be Completed	Responsible Officer		Links to Other Plans
HC06	To ensure all service developments have involvement from service users and their carers.				Mar 08	Ewen Weir		LAA Outcome 11
HC07	To increase the proportion of people who commission their own services.				Mar 08	Ewen Weir		LAA Outcome 11
HC08	To work with Landlords and Supporting People to increase the number and range of supported accommodation options.				Mar 08	Alan Dobby		LAA Outcome 11
HC09	To ensure a culture of person centred practice so that service users and their carers are at the centre of planning their support.				Mar 08	Ewen Weir		LAA Outcome 11
CorporatePlan Objective: Mental Wellbeing (To promote a positive approach to the mental wellbeing of Hartlepool residents) (Ref: CO14)					Community Strategy Ref: HC13		Key PIs: LAA HC29	
Ref:	Action				Date to be Completed	Responsible Officer		Links to Other Plans
HC10	To increase social inclusion for people with mental health issues				Mar 08	Ewen Weir		LAA Outcome 12
CorporatePlan Objective: Access to Services (Support easier access to services which are integrated and tailored to individual need) (Ref: CO15)					Community Strategy Ref: HC4, 5 & 14		Key PIs: LAA SC23 +24	
Ref:	Action				Date to be Completed	Responsible Officer		Links to Other Plans
HC11	To work with the community in Owton to design and implement a Connected Care Scheme.				Mar 08	Ewen Weir		LAA Outcome 13
HC12	To implement Vision for Care in conjunction with Hartlepool Primary Care Trust				Mar 08	Nicola Bailey		LAA Outcome 13
HC13	To ensure that services are culturally sensitive and are able to respond flexibly to the diverse needs of the community.				Mar 08	Margaret Hunt		LAA Outcome 13

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HC14	To support easier access to universal services and targeted services which will be tailored to individual needs at a neighbourhood level.	Mar 08	Ewen Weir	LAA Outcome 13
HC15	To ensure services are fully compliant with the Disability Discrimination Act.	Mar 08	Margaret Hunt	LAA Outcome 13
Corporate Plan Objective: To safeguard and improve health and well-being for people working, living and visiting the borough. (Ref: CO16)		Community Strategy Ref HC14 HC7, 9 + 11		Key PIs: BVP1166a BVP1166b
Ref:	Action	Date to be Completed	Responsible Officer	Links to Other Plans
HC16*	To deliver an effective Health Development and enforcement service	Mar 08	Ralph Harrison	
HC17	Delivery of the Public Health Strategy and action plan through partnership working	Mar 08	Peter Price	
Corporate Plan Objective: To develop the capacity of the voluntary independent and community sector to respond to the challenges of the White Paper in supporting vulnerable members of society (Ref: CO17)		Community Strategy Ref HC5 & 17		Key PIs: PAFC62
Ref:	Action	Date to be Completed	Responsible Officer	Links to Other Plans
HC18	To develop appropriate partnerships with the voluntary sector by developing a co-ordinated strategy	Mar 08	Nicola Bailey	
HC19	To ensure that carers are supported effectively to support their family members for as long as they wish	Mar 08	Ewen Weir	

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Environment and Housing

Community Strategy / Council Priority	Secure a more attractive and sustainable environment that is safe, clean and tidy; a good infrastructure; and access to good quality and affordable housing
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Key achievements in 2006/07

- Working in partnership with New Deal for Communities, environmental improvement schemes totalling around £400,000 have been undertaken at Stranton Garth, Sydenham Road, York Road, Murray Street and Stockton Road.
- Successful partnership with energy provider to improve thermal insulation of homes and reduction of fuel poverty (private and public funding)
- Successful CPO Public Inquiries covering three redevelopment sites and over 620 properties to ensure transfer to two developers for demolition and building of 330 homes
- Retirement Village starting on site, to offer over 250 homes (of multi tenure) for the elderly with support and care
- The Pride in Hartlepool campaign has been very successful and mainstream funding has been secured to ensure the initiative continues.
- A pilot project was introduced, in partnership with the neighbourhood police teams, which provide a (limited) out of hours service for noise nuisance.
- Grand Central Railways are to introduce direct rail links with London
- Bus patronage increased by the introduction of free concessionary travel across the Tees Valley area
- Increased the level of cleanliness across the town.

In 5-10 years time: -

- First three housing regeneration sites completed, with 330 homes for sale, rent and shared ownership.
- Next housing regeneration priorities underway in NCH and Belle Vue, with an agreed strategy for Dalton Street.
- We will have achieved Government Decent Homes targets and SAP rating targets
- An Improved out of hours service for noise nuisance will be in place.
- Hartlepool Borough Council will reduce its 'Carbon Footprint'

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- Secure improvements to the accessibility, punctuality and reliability of local public transport (bus and light rail) with an increase in use of more than 12% by 2010 compared with 2000 levels
- Reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries to 39.2 in 2010 (49 in 2004)
- Reduce the number of children killed or seriously injured to 7.5 in 2010 (10 in 2004)

Housing				
Corporate Plan Objective: Meeting Housing and Support Needs (Ref: CO31)		Community Strategy Ref EH20 + 21		Key PIs: LAA H3 -H5, LAA H7 LAA H12+13 & LPI NS12a
Ref:	Action	Date to be Completed	Responsible Officer	Links to Other Plans
EH22	To provide support services to increase the opportunity for residents to live independently in the community	Mar 08	Alan Dobby	LAA Outcome 25
EH23*	Produce a 'fit for purpose' Housing Needs Assessment	Dec 07	Amy Waters	LAA Outcome 25
EH24*	To produce a 'fit for purpose' Older Persons' Housing Strategy	Dec 07	Penny Garner Carpenter	LAA Outcome 25
Corporate Plan Objective: Improving the energy efficiency of houses (Ref: CO33)		Community Strategy Ref EH19		Key PIs: LAA H11 + LPI SH10
Ref:	Action	Date to be Completed	Responsible Officer	Links to Other Plans
EH26	To improve the energy efficiency of existing housing and reduce the number of vulnerable households experiencing fuel poverty	Mar 08	David Morgan	LAA Outcome 27

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Culture and Leisure

Community Strategy / Council Priority	Ensure a wide range of good quality, affordable and accessible leisure, and cultural opportunities
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Key achievements in 2006/07

- The Headland sports hall and fitness suite developed as an extension to the Borough Hall was opened for business in February 2006, usage has exceeded all expectations and new courses are constantly being developed to meet demand
- The Maritime Festival in July 2006 was a success, attracting circa 60,000 visitors
- Hartlepool, in partnership with PD Ports and Hartlepool Marina, successfully bid to be Tall Ships Host Port 2010 and work planning this has commenced with key partners
- Successful HLF Lottery bid for £250k was submitted to secure the conversion and restoration of PSS Wingfield Castle as an education resource centre as part of the Hartlepool Maritime Experience capital developments. This HLF success was complemented by the success of the Heugh Gun Battery Trust in achieving a £300k HLF award for their restoration and interpretation
- Hartlepool was the only UK venue for The Face of Asia exhibition by Steve McCurry, which was a resounding success, followed in December 2006 with landscape photographer Jo Cornish incorporating locally commissioned work
- The renewal of the Waverly allotment site and the re-establishment of Briarfields allotments have been successfully achieved, the former with involvement from the learning disabilities unit who will be developing a comprehensive practical unit

In 5-10 years time we will: -

- increase access to cultural, leisure and community learning activities
- review the Cultural Strategy
- review how a range of Community Service such as Library Services are delivered, and should be delivered in the future
- develop the H₂O Delivery Plan
- have delivered the Tall Ships race

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Culture and Leisure				
Corporate Plan Objective: Enrich individual lives, strengthen communities and improve places where people live through enjoyment of leisure, culture and sport (Ref: CO35)		Community Strategy Ref CL5 & 6		Key PIs: LAA CL1 LAA CL6 -11
Ref	Action	Date to be Completed	Responsible Officer	Links to Other Plans
CL01	Develop and improve cultural and leisure facilities and events.	Mar 08	John Mennear	LAA Outcome 29
CL02	To ensure the public have access to a wide range of information about leisure, culture and sporting opportunities in a variety of accessible mediums.	Mar 08	John Mennear	LAA Outcome 29
Corporate Plan Objective: Cultural and leisure services, including libraries, better meet the needs of the community, especially disadvantaged areas (Ref: CO36)		Community Strategy Ref CL5		Key PIs: LAA CL2,3 + 5 LPI CS2a + 2c
Ref	Action	Date to be Completed	Responsible Officer	Links to Other Plans
CL03	To increase opportunities for participation in a wide range of cultural and leisure activity focussing on areas of disadvantage.	Mar 08	John Mennear	LAA Outcome 30

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Community Strategy / Council Priority	Empower individuals, groups and communities and increase the involvement of citizens in all decisions that affect their lives.
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Key achievements in 2006/07

- Working with local communities, Neighbourhood Action Plans (NAPs) have been updated for both Dyke House/Stranton/Grange and Burbank areas, and work on updating the Rift House/Burn Valley Plan is underway. We have also assisted New Deal for Communities in completing a NAP for their area.
- Around £350,000 of Neighbourhood Renewal Fund Residents Priorities Budget has been spent across NAP areas, on priorities identified in Neighbourhood Action Plans.
- We have undertaken a review of the NAP process and commenced implementation of its many recommendations including for example, how to involve more residents in the process and achieve a good geographical spread of participants.
- The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) showing how residents and the broader community can get involved in the preparation of new land-use plans and consideration of planning applications was adopted in October 2006.
- Residents continue to be involved in the ongoing development and governance of the Housing Market Renewal (HMR) programme across central Hartlepool.
- A Best Value Review of Strengthening Communities has been undertaken with the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) and a Strategic Improvement Plan developed to improve performance in this aspect of the Council's work.
- Hartlepool Borough Council has achieved Beacon Status for emergency planning in partnership with the other 3 authorities in Cleveland and Cleveland Police and Cleveland Fire Brigade. The Cleveland Emergency Planning Unit made a joint bid for Beacon Status, with the main theme being partnership working through the emergency planning unit.

In 5-10 years time: -

- There will be an increased range of services and activities that have been developed and delivered in partnership with local communities.

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- The public will be reassured through a awareness of the emergency planning arrangements that are in place and which are continually reviewed.
- Information on how the public can protect themselves during an emergency will be enhanced.

Strengthening Communities				
Corporate Plan Objective: To empower local people to have a greater voice and influence over local decision making and the delivery of services (Ref: CO37)		Community Strategy Ref: SC1 – 5 HC18		Key PIs: LPI RP 14
Ref	Action	Date to be Completed	Responsible Officer	Links to Other Plans
SC01*	To establish Neighbourhood Management as a guiding influence in Service Delivery across the Council	Mar 08	Denise Ogden	LAA Outcome 31
SC02**	Ensure a fit for purpose LSP	Mar 08	Joanne Smithson	LAA Outcome 31
SC03**	Coordinate a review of the Community Strategy	Mar 08	Joanne Smithson	LAA Outcome 31
SC04**	Coordinate the implementation and monitoring of the Local Area Agreement	Mar 08	John Potts	LAA Outcome 31
SC05	Improve public engagement with hard to reach groups which will act on qualitative information/ feedback from citizens	Mar 08	Alan Dobby	LAA Outcome 31

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PERFORMANCE INDICATORS - APPENDIX B

Every council is required by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister to collect and publish a range of Best Value performance indicators. In addition to these Government indicators, services in Hartlepool Borough Council have also set 'Local indicators' These statutory and non-statutory Best value indicators are set out in the pages that follow.

The tables provide detailed performance presented against the overall performance of the council and each of the Community Strategy themes and aims. Five of the Community Strategy themes have some relevance to this Forum, and are listed below.

⇒ Lifelong Learning and Skills	⇒ Environment and Housing	⇒ Health and Care
⇒ Culture and Leisure	⇒ Strengthening Communities	

BVPIs are set by the government and information for these must be included in the plan. Some of the BVPIs have additional uses, these include:-

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) The means by which the Audit Commission assesses the Council's overall performance • Performance Assessment Framework (PAF) Indicators set by the government for Social Services service areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Service Agreement (PSA) Agreement between local and central government to improve performance across a range of indicators based upon national and local priority • Quality of Life (QoL) These indicators cover the issues that effect how people feel about life in the local area.
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LIFE LONG LEARNING AND SKILLS				
Corporate Plan Objective: Provision of high quality learning and skills opportunities that drive economic competitiveness, widen participation and build social justice (Ref: CO10)				
Ref	Definition	Outturn 2006/07	Target 2007/08	LAA Target 2008/09
LAA LLS21	Number of learners participating in Adult Education Programmes	3100	3129	3500

ENVIRONMENT AND HOUSING				
Corporate Plan Objective: Meeting Housing and Support Needs (Ref: CO31)				
Ref	Definition	Outturn 2006/07	Target 2007/08	LAA Target 2008/09
LAA H3	Increase support to enable residents to live independently in their own homes	3467	2480	2488
LAA H4	Increase the number of people receiving floating support services	445	450	584
LAA H5	Increase the number of adaptations carried out to enable vulnerable people to remain living independently in their own home	645	767	797

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LAA H12	Number of houses cleared in HMR intervention area	60	550	320
LAA H13	Number of new homes constructed in HMR intervention area	13	30	350 to 2010
LPI NS12a	Extra care sheltered accommodation for older people provision			
Corporate Plan Objective: Improving the energy efficiency of houses (Ref: CO33)				
Ref	Definition	Outturn 2006/07	Target 2007/08	LAA Target 2008/09
LAA H11	Improve the energy efficiency of housing stock	61	62	65
LPI SH10	Amount spent on energy efficiency measures (including matched funding from utility partners)	New Indicator – to collect baseline 2007/08	LPI SH10	Amount spent on energy efficiency measures (including matched funding from utility partners)

HEALTH AND CARE**Corporate Plan Objective:**

Improved health – reduce premature mortality rates and reduce inequalities in premature mortality rates between wards/neighbourhoods (Ref: CO11)

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Ref	Definition	Outturn 2006/07	Target 2007/08	LAA Target 2008/09
LAA HC 1	Life Expectancy Females (Hartlepool)	78.28	79.5	79.5
LAA HC 2	Gap in Hartlepool and England Life Expectancy (Female)	2.85	2.0	1.9
LAA HC 3	Life Expectancy males (Hartlepool)	74.14	74.3	74.3
LAA HC 4	Gap in Hartlepool and England Life Expectancy (male)	2.78	2.8	2.8
LAA HC 5	Life Expectancy Females (NRA)	76.4	77.9	77.9
LAA HC 6	Gap in NRA and Hartlepool Females	1.89	1.4	1.4
LAA HC 7	Life Expectancy males (NRA)	71.74	71.1	71.1
LAA HC 8	Gap in NRA and Hartlepool males	2.39	2.8	2.8
LAA HC 9	Mortality rates from heart disease, stroke and related diseases in people under 75 (Hartlepool) (per 100,000)	125.57	118	118
LAA HC 10	Mortality rate from cancer amongst people aged under 75 (Hartlepool) (per 100,000)	154.25	148	148
LAA HC 11	The prevalence of smoking among adults (Hartlepool)	31%	n/a	32%
LAA HC 12	The prevalence of smoking among adults (NRA + NDC)	42%	n/a	40%
LAA HC 13	Number of 4 week smoking quitters (NRA + NDC)	n/a	400	415
LAA HC 14	Number of 4 week smoking quitters (rest of Hartlepool)	n/a	300	285
LAA HC 15	Number of patients completing a 10 week programme of referred activity as a result of health practitioner recommendation (Performance expected with reward)	291	n/a	1350 over 3 years
LAA HC 16	Of those completing a 10 week programme the percentage going onto mainstream activity (Performance expected with reward)	n/a	50%	675 (50%) over 3 years
Corporate Plan Objective: Exercise of choice and control and retention of personal dignity (Ref: CO13)				
Ref	Definition	Outturn 2006/07	Target 2007/08	LAA Target 2008/09
LAA H3	Increase support to enable residents to live independently in their own	2467	2480	2488

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	homes			
LAA H4	Increase the number of people receiving floating support services	445	450	584
LAA H5	Increase the number of adaptations carried out to enable vulnerable people to remain living independently in their own home	645	767	797
BVPI 201	Number of adults and older people receiving payments	303	303	n/a
Corporate Plan Objective: Mental Wellbeing (To promote a positive approach to the mental wellbeing of Hartlepool residents) (Ref: CO14)				
Ref	Definition	Outturn 2006/07	Target 2007/08	LAA Target 2008/09
LAA HC 29	Direct payment to people with mental health needs as at 31st March	18	35	50
Corporate Plan Objective: Access to Services (Support easier access to services which are integrated and tailored to individual need) (Ref: CO15)				
Ref	Definition	Outturn 2006/07	Target 2007/08	LAA Target 2008/09
LAA SC23	Proportionate Assessment: percentage of older service users receiving an assessment that are from minority ethnic groups, compared to the percentage of older people in the local population that are from such groups		1.0	1.0
LAA SC24	Proportionate service provision: percentage of older service users receiving services following an assessment that are from a minority ethnic group, compared to the percentage of users assessed that are from such groups		1.0	1.0
Corporate Plan Objective: To safeguard and improve health and well-being for people working, living and visiting the borough. (Ref: CO16)				
Ref	Definition	Outturn 2006/07	Target 2007/08	LAA Target

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				2008/09
BVPI 166a	Environmental health checklist of best practice	100	100	n/a
BVPI 166b	Trading standards checklist of best practice	100	100	n/a
Corporate Plan Objective: To develop the capacity of the voluntary independent and community sector to respond to the challenges of the White Paper in supporting vulnerable members of society (Ref: CO17)				
Ref	Definition	Outturn 2006/07	Target 2007/08	LAA Target 2008/09
PAFC62	Services provided to carers: Carers receiving service as a percentage of Community based clients	11%	tbc	n/a

CULTURE AND LEISURE

Corporate Plan Objective:

Enrich individual lives, strengthen communities and improve places where people live through enjoyment of leisure, culture and sport (Ref: CO35)

Ref	Definition	Outturn 2006/07	Target 2007/08	LAA Target 2008/09
LAA CL1	Engagement in museum outreach activity by under-represented groups	337	325	325
LAA CL6	Increase proportion of residents satisfied with museums/arts (Hartlepool)	86%	65%	66%
LAA CL7	Increase proportion of residents satisfied with museums/arts (Neighbourhood Renewal narrowing the gap)	3%	7%	7%
LAA CL8	Increase residents satisfaction with public parks and open spaces (Hartlepool)	73%	75%	75%
LAA CL9	Increase residents satisfaction with public parks and open spaces (Neighbourhood Renewal narrowing the gap)	5%	2%	2%

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LAA CL10	Increase residents satisfaction with libraries (Hartlepool)	91%	78%	79%
LAA CL11	Increase residents satisfaction with libraries (Neighbourhood Renewal narrowing the gap)	5%	3%	3%
Corporate Plan Objective: Cultural and leisure services, including libraries, better meet the needs of the community, especially disadvantaged areas (Ref: CO36)				
Ref	Definition	Outturn 2006/07	Target 2007/08	LAA Target 2008/09
LAA CL2	Visits by C2DE (MORI definition of Working Class) visitors to the Museum of Hartlepool (based on Renaissance funded MORI visitor survey)	Not yet available	41%	42%
LAA CL3	Number of individuals trained to deliver activities within clubs and the community	199 (to Q3)	150	155
LAA CL5	Increase annual Leisure Centre attendances (Neighbourhood Renewal narrowing the gap)	47%	56%	57%
LPI CS2a	Overall average attendance at Eldon Grove and Mill House Leisure Centre and Headland Sports Hall	372,046	362,500	n/a
LPI CS2c	Number of concessionary members of Leisure Card Scheme attending the centres four times or more during the year	1,808	2,000	n/a
STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES				
Corporate Plan Objective: To empower local people to have a greater voice and influence over local decision making and the delivery of services (Ref: CO37)				
Ref	Definition	Outturn 2006/07	Target 2007/08	LAA Target 2008/09
LPI RP 14	LAA overall assessment	Green	Green	n/a

APPENDIX C**EXTRACT OF LAA REWARD ELEMENT TARGETS (ALSO KNOWN AS LPSA2) WHICH FALL UNDER THE REMIT OF THE ADULT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AND HEALTH SCRUTINY FORUM**

Tgt	Outcome	Indicator	Outturn	Target	Period
6	Increasing financial resources within family environments to provide improved lifestyle opportunities	Number of Council Tax Disabled Reliefs	223	268	As at 31/3/09
		Number of Council Tax Carer Reductions	54	157	As at 31/3/09
		Number of Severely Mentally Impaired (SM) Reductions	107	112	As at 31/3/09
7	Improving training and employment prospects for carers	Number of Carers completing education or training and achieving NVQ Level 2 or equivalent qualification, or higher. (and proportion of all carers)	15	120	3 yr cumulative
9	To improve the health and well-being of patients referred by health practitioners via a GP referral scheme by increasing patients levels of participation in physical activities.	Number of patients completing a 10 week programme of referred activity* as a result of health practitioner recommendation	291	1350	3 yr cumulative
		Of those completing 10 week programme, the percentage going onto mainstream activity	n/a	675	3 yr cumulative

ADULT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AND HEALTH SCRUTINY FORUM

12th June 2007



Report of: Assistant Chief Executive

Subject: APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES - HEALTH
SCRUTINY NOMINATIONS TO THE TEES VALLEY
JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek Councillor nominations to the Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee.

2. BACKGROUND

The Health and Social Care Scrutiny Forum, held on the 17th January 2003, approved the adoption of the draft Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Protocol. A key element of the protocol was the establishment of a Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee to facilitate the exchange of information about scrutiny work; to consider proposals for joint scrutiny exercises; and to carry out joint scrutiny exercises.

The committee consists of 15 members, 3 from each of the Tees Valley authorities, selected on the basis of political proportionality. Three nominations are now sought from this Scrutiny Forum for Hartlepool's representatives on this new committee (2 Labour and 1 Administrative Group).

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

That three nominations (2 Labour and 1 Administrative Group) be made to the Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee.