



Telford & Wrekin
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Addenbrooke House Ironmasters Way Telford TF3 4NT

CABINET

Date	Thursday, 6 April 2017	Time	5.00pm
Venue	Meeting Rooms G3/4, Addenbrooke House, Ironmasters Way, Telford, TF3 4NT		

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Councillor S Davies	Leader of the Council
Councillor R A Overton	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing, Leisure & Health
Councillor L D Carter	Council Finance, Partnerships & Commercial Services
Councillor E A Clare	Culture, Sports, Parks & Green Spaces
Councillor A R H England	Adult Social Care & Older People
Councillor A D McClements	Transport, Customer & Neighbourhood Services
Councillor G C W Reynolds	Education, Employment & Regeneration
Councillor H Rhodes	Public Protection, Safety & Enforcement
Councillor P R Watling	Children, Young People & Communities

Invitees

Councillor A J Eade	Conservative
Councillor W L Tomlinson	Liberal Democrat/Independent

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CABINET

Decision Notices and Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet held on Thursday, 6 April 2017 at 5.00pm at Addenbrooke House, Ironmasters Way, Telford

PUBLISHED ON WEDNESDAY, 12 APRIL 2017

(DEADLINE FOR CALL-IN: MONDAY, 18 APRIL 2017)

Present: Councillors R A Overton (Vice Chair in the Chair), L D Carter, E A Clare, A R H England, A D McClements, G C W Reynolds, H Rhodes and P R Watling.

Also Present: Councillors A J Eade (Conservative Group Leader) and W L Tomlinson (Liberal Democrat/Independent Group Leader).

CB-077 Apologies for Absence

Councillor S Davies

CB-078 Declarations of Interest

None received.

CB-079 Minutes

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2017 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

CB-080 Full Accident & Emergency Services at Princess Royal Hospital

Non-Key Decision

Councillor R J Overton, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing, Leisure and Health presented the report of the Assistant Director: Health and Wellbeing, which provided details about the Shrewsbury & Telford Hospitals Trust (the Trust) Board decision to develop business continuity plans with regard to Accident and Emergency services as a consequence of the current fragility of medical staffing in A&E.

Following an initial review of the options, the Trust had decided that detailed plans should be developed for the suspension of full A&E services overnight at the Princess Royal Hospital (PRH). It was noted that it was expected to take 6 months to develop the continuity plans and that the Trust would only implement these plans should it become necessary. The Trust had indicated that it was possible to step back at any point if their consultant staffing position became more resilient.

The Members noted that the decision had been taken by the Trust as a result of a recent resignation and the Trust being unable to recruit substantively to the advertised A&E consultant posts that meant that from June 2017 the two A&E departments at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital (RSH) and PRH would only have 4 substantive A&E consultants with an on-call rota of 1 in 3. It was noted that there are a number of services at PRH that have interdependencies with A&E services – Women & Children's, Head & Neck services and Stroke services. The Trust had described that further work was required to consider and reduce the risks associated with these service interdependencies. A quality impact assessment needed to be completed.

The Deputy Leader stated that the decision by the Trust was of grave concern, in particular that the decision had been taken in relation to A&E services at PRH rather than A&E services at the RSH. He noted that residents of the Borough of Telford & Wrekin would see this proposal as an attack on PRH. It was highlighted that the Council's PRH4Me campaign, which was launched just over a year ago, had enabled the public to share more than 530 stories of support for PRH and the campaign would shortly reach 30,000 pledges. Arrangements were being made to present these at Westminster. Given the strength of public feeling a public rally had also been arranged for Sunday, 23rd April.

It was noted that the Leader and Deputy Leader had made representations nationally and locally regarding this decision. The Leader and Deputy Leader had written to the Secretary of State on the 30th March 2017 seeking his urgent intervention to secure additional consultant staff. The Leader had also previously written twice, with the Leader of Shropshire Council, to the Secretary of State seeking his support to maintain the current A&E services until the long term decisions with regard to hospital reconfiguration were taken.

Councillor Bill Tomlinson, Leader of the Liberal Democrat/ Independent Group agreed that the measures being considered by the Trust were hard to believe particularly as it was broadly understood that full emergency services were essential for the existing Women's and Children's Unit which was located at PRH. He stated that it would therefore seem necessary for A&E services to remain open at PRH rather than the RSH site.

Councillor Andrew Eade, Leader of the Opposition Group expressed his disappointment at the number of pledges achieved through the PRH4Me campaign. He stated that the funds being spent on arrangement for a march in support of PRH could be better spent by increased engagement with the public through the media to support the campaign and secure a greater number of pledges. He noted that he would be interested to know the costs involved in arranging the march and he questioned the value of a march in terms of the impact it would have on the Trust. He highlighted that the Trust had had significant difficulties in recruiting to A&E consultant posts and he understood that one of the reasons was the limitations of the departments at both sites

in terms of size and therefore career development for clinicians. He stated that with this in mind, the campaign for PRH should be centred on the Women's and Children's unit; there was a clear clinical need in Telford & Wrekin for the unit due to population increase and expansion and therefore, if emergency services were essential to support the Women's and Children's Unit, it was the cheaper option for A&E to remain open at PRH and close at RSH.

The Members noted that the case had been made in the late 1970's and early 1980's for a District General Hospital in Telford & Wrekin based on growth and development, therefore this argument was still viable with the continued growth in the economy and population. It was noted that Telford & Wrekin was acknowledged as the growth point of the West Midlands; the new Defence Fulfilment Centre at Donnington was a good example of this growth and expansion.

It was noted that the current position faced by the Trust was not an isolated regional issue, it was a national position that Members were mindful of and central Government's role and responsibility would continue to be highlighted. The NHS was facing cuts of £22 billion by 2020 which had to be met through efficiencies and often Hospital Trusts were taking short term measures, such as cuts to bursaries and training, which resulted in staff and skills shortages. It was for central Government to intervene in such a crisis and that is why calling on the Secretary of State was of paramount importance; not only with clear statements of unity from the Council but to assert that promises made at election time were upheld.

It was noted that pledges and demonstrations were an effective means for the public to make a statement. Telford & Wrekin was a vibrant area for young people, families and older people. A fully functioning hospital was essential to attract and support growth in the economy and population of Telford & Wrekin.

The Members expressed concerns about the considerable funding of the Future Fit Programme to date when there was still no clarity about the reconfiguration of the hospital services. It was noted that in December 2016, the Future Fit programme Board made a recommendation to the Joint CCG Committee to go out to consultation with a preferred option to locate the single specialist Emergency Care centre for the area in Shrewsbury together with the Women and Children's Unit. However following concerns raised by the Council, the Joint CCG Committee did not back the recommendation and asked for an independent review to be undertaken of the appraisal processes. Telford & Wrekin Council had identified potential flaws in the process and had sought an independent review. The Cabinet Office Gateway Review subsequently also called for an independent review of the process.

It was noted that the Future Fit Board was currently commissioning this review before any further recommendation to the Joint CCG Committee, made up of both Telford &

Wrekin and Shropshire CCGs and three independent voting members. The next steps would be determined based on the findings of the independent review.

RESOLVED -

- a. that the report and the Cabinet’s response to Shrewsbury & Telford Hospitals NHS Trust’s need to develop business continuity plans for their A&E services, be noted;**
- b. to note the PRH4Me campaign will shortly reach 30,000 pledges and a public rally is to take place on the 23rd April;**
- c. to note that the Future Fit Board are commissioning an independent review of the appraisal processes that have been undertaken in order to make a recommendation on a preferred option for hospital reconfiguration.**

The meeting ended at 5.34pm.

Signed for the purposes of the Decision Notices

Jonathan Eatough
Assistant Director: Governance, Procurement & Commissioning
Date: 12th April 2017

Signed:

Date:

CABINET

Decision Notices and Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet held on Thursday, 23 March 2017 at 5.00pm at Addenbrooke House, Ironmasters Way, Telford

PUBLISHED ON WEDNESDAY, 29 MARCH 2017

(DEADLINE FOR CALL-IN: MONDAY, 3 APRIL 2017)

Present: Councillors R A Overton (Vice Chair in the Chair), L D Carter, E A Clare, A R H England, A D McClements, G C W Reynolds, H Rhodes and P R Watling.

Also Present: Councillors A J Eade (Conservative Group Leader) and W L Tomlinson (Liberal Democrat/Independent Group Leader).

CB-070 Apologies for Absence

Councillor S Davies

CB-071 Declarations of Interest

Cllr R A Overton declared an interest in minute number CB-074 and indicated that he would withdraw from the meeting during determination thereof.

CB-672 Minutes

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2017 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

CB-073 Telford Central Footbridge Replacement

Key Decision identified as **Telford Central Footbridge Replacement** in the Notice of Key Decisions published on 22 February 2017.

The Cabinet Member for Transport, Customer & Neighbourhood Services presented the report of the Assistant Director: Customer & Neighbourhood Services. The report was seeking formal authorisation and delegations to the relevant Cabinet Member and Assistant Directors to enable to delivery of the new bridge by summer 2018, and to seek authorisation to award contracts and implement all other agreements to ensure the delivery of the project.

The Footbridge Replacement Project was part of the Telford Town Centre Connective Package and had secured £10.3m of funding though the Department for Transport's Highways Maintenance Challenge Funding.

The existing footbridge was over 30 years old, expensive to maintain and a poor gateway to the Borough.

The proposed replacement footbridge would span two dual carriageways and the Shrewsbury to Wolverhampton railway line. Detailed designs were being progressed and these would be overseen by the Governance Board, attended by all key stakeholders.

The Cabinet Members supported the proposal, stating that the development would enhance the gateway to the Borough.

RESOLVED – that

- (a) **the Council should take any required procedural steps, enter into any required legal agreements, deeds and land transfers and to take any required actions to reconstruct the bridge, implement station changes, install facilities and alter the public highway and other approaches to provide connectivity with the new bridge and the station to deliver the Project as described in the report**
- (b) **the Assistant Director: Governance, Procurement and Commissioning and the Assistant Director Customer & Neighbourhood Services be authorised to take any required procedural steps, enter into any necessary legal agreements, deeds and land transfers and to take any required actions to reconstruct the bridge, implement station changes, install facilities and alter the public highway and other approaches to provide connectivity with the new bridge and the station to deliver the Project as described in the report**
- (c) **the Assistant Director: Customer & Neighbourhood Services and the Assistant Director: Governance, Procurement and Commissioning, in consultation with the lead Cabinet Member for Transport, Customer & Neighbourhood Services, be authorised to award the construction and other necessary contracts to reconstruct the bridge, implement station changes, install facilities and alter the public highway and other approaches to provide connectivity with the new bridge and the station**
- (d) **the Assistant Director, Customer & Neighbourhood Services and the Assistant Director: Governance, Procurement and Commissioning, in consultation with the lead Cabinet Member for Transport, Customer & Neighbourhood Services to be authorised to vary the Project where required and exercise the Council's power to implement the Project (as varied) in accordance with a) to c) above.**

CB-074 **Selective Licensing**

In accordance with his previous declaration of interest Councillor R A Overton vacated the Chair before this item of business, with Councillor L D Carter taking the Chair.

Key Decision identified as **Selective Licensing** in the Notice of Key Decisions published on 22 February 2017.

The Cabinet Member for Public Protection, Safety & Enforcement presented the report of the Assistant Director: Customer & Neighbourhood Services. The report sought formal authorisation to consult on a selective licensing scheme for properties within four residential zones, which met the criteria for this scheme, identified in the following wards: Hadley & Leegomery, The Nedge, Malinslee & Dawley Bank, Brookside, Woodside, Madeley & Sutton Hill.

The Selective Licensing Scheme was a discretionary scheme, which required all private landlords (with certain exemptions) who operated within the designated zones to operate under the terms of the license awarded by the Local Authority. The conditions of the license typically included a range of requirements aimed at ensuring the properties were safe and managed in a satisfactory way.

The proposals had been discussed at the Customer, Community and Partnership Scrutiny Committee on the 23rd January 2017, where it was agreed the scheme was a welcomed step forward.

The Cabinet Members noted that the report was seeking authorisation for a consultation, which would involve landlords, tenants, residents of the areas, town and parish councils and stakeholders. Members noted that in general, a scheme of accreditation was accepted by landlords, however, concerns were raised regarding enforcement.

The Conservative Group Leader stated that the scheme would penalise good landlords. He stated that the proposed scheme would increase the costs for tenants, as landlords would pass along the cost of the license to their tenants. The scheme would force bad and criminal landlords underground and there would be an increased risk of anti-social behaviour.

The Cabinet Member: Children, Young People and Communities, stated that the scheme was standing up for vulnerable people. The scheme would not penalise landlords but would raise standards in the area. The consultation would be positive and would be the opportunity to get the scheme right.

RESOLVED – that:

- (a) The consultation with residents, private landlords, town and parish councils, businesses and other stakeholders within the potential licensing zones to designate a selective licensing scheme within the geographical areas highlighted in the report and outlined in the business case, at Appendix A to the report, take place.**
- (b) Subject to the outcome of satisfactory consultation authority be delegated to the Assistant Director: Customer & Neighbourhood Services in consultation with the Lead Cabinet Member for Public Protection, Safety & Environment to approve the designation of the four selective licensing zones identified in the report and make arrangements to implement the new scheme.**
- (c) The Licensing fee of £160 for a 5 year license as outlined in the business case attached as Appendix A to the report and within that report**

itemised in Appendix 1, page 55, be approved and the late application fee of £860, which will apply to landlords who fail to apply for a license within the three month deadline be approved.

- (d) The re-launch of the Telford & Wrekin Landlord Accreditation Scheme be approved, and authority be delegated to the Assistant Director: Commercial Services in consultation with the Lead Cabinet Member: Housing, Leisure and Health to make any arrangements on behalf of the council to implement this resolution.

Following determination of this agenda item Councillor R A Overton resumed his position of Chair.

CB-075 Business Rates Discretionary Relief

Non-Key Decision

Councillor L D Carter, Cabinet Member: Council Finance, Partnerships & Commercial Services, presented the report of the Assistant Director: Finance & HR, which proposed refreshed guidelines for the awarding of discretionary Council tax discount and the granting of discretionary rate relief for businesses.

From April 2013, 49% of business rates were retained locally by the Council, the Discretionary Relief Guidelines (last updated in January 2014) had been reviewed to take account of the Government changes to rate relief from April 2017.

The Government were introducing Local Newspaper Relief and an additional 50% rural rate relief from April 2017. Any discretionary awards would be fully compensated by the Government to the Council by a S31 Grant.

In the Chancellors Spring Budget, it was announced that there would be further assistance to businesses in the following areas;

- £1000 discount for pubs with a rateable value below £100,000
- A discretionary relief system to provide targeted support to the most hard pressed ratepayers as a result of the revaluation
- A supporting small businesses rate relief which limited the increase in business rates per year to £600 (or £50 per month) to those who had lost small business rate relief or rural rate relief as a result of revaluation.

A Government Consultation paper was out on some of the proposals and further guidance would be issued. This would be brought back to Cabinet.

RESOLVED – that

The proposed guidelines for awarding discretionary rate relief for businesses be approved as detailed in Appendix A to the report.

CB-076 Annual Public Health Report

Non-Key Decision

The statutory Director of Public Health presented her Annual Report for 2016/17 – Community-centred approaches, a copy of which was appended to the agenda.

The Report focussed on community-centred approaches within the following areas – doing things differently – the case for change, making it real – our local commitment and ambition, what are community-centred approaches to health and wellbeing? Facilitating stronger communities, growing volunteer and peer roles, maturing collaborations and partnerships, improving access to community resources and assets. It was acknowledged that when people were connected and contributing to their communities, both communities and individuals became stronger and more resilient, leading to better outcomes.

One of the priorities of the Health & Wellbeing Strategy was to strengthen communities and community based support. This was a strategic ambition and commitment between the Council and the local NHS to build community resilience.

The Report contained a number of recommendations that Cabinet was asked to support. The recommendations would be used to ensure that the Health & Wellbeing Board took a systematic and comprehensive approach to community-centred approaches.

The report was interactive in style and included a video clip and infographic links. The document and its messages had been promoted through a social media campaign.

The Cabinet Members welcomed the report.

RESOLVED – that the 2016/17 Annual Health Report be endorsed, and that the following recommendations be supported:

Recommendation 1: Health & Wellbeing partner organisations in Telford & Wrekin should consider how community-centred approaches, which build on individual and community assets, become an integral part of our action plans and work programmes put in place to deliver the aspirations of the health and wellbeing strategy.

Recommendation 2: Local commissioners of health improvement and preventative services in the CCG and Council should consider the use of community-centred approaches more systematically through their commissioning frameworks, using best practice evidence to: strengthen communities, build the volunteer workforce as agents of change and co-design local services.

Recommendation 3: Health & Wellbeing partners and Community Voluntary Services organisations in Telford & Wrekin should collectively celebrate and support formal and informal volunteering, through a variety of ways, such as: providing organisational support, commissioning services, awarding grants, offering training and raising awareness through marketing and publicity.

Recommendation 4: Health & Wellbeing partners in Telford & Wrekin, should work collectively with local Community Voluntary Sector organisations to ensure a Borough-wide evaluation programme is developed for our local community-centred approaches in order to determine their impact. This

evaluation should aim to share local learning with others and contribute to the national body of best practice evidence.

Recommendation 5: Commissioners of health and wellbeing services in Telford & Wrekin, as part of their duty to reduce inequalities in health, should proactively engage people at risk of social isolation in the design and delivery of solutions to narrow inequities.

Recommendation 6: As part of the neighbourhood working approach an organisational development programme should be put in place so Health & Wellbeing partners in Telford & Wrekin are able to up skill the local workforce to confidently and effectively deliver person and community centred approaches.

The meeting ended at 5.35pm.

Signed for the purposes of the Decision Notices

Jonathan Eatough
Assistant Director: Governance, Procurement & Commissioning
Date: 29th March 2017

Signed:

Date:

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

CABINET 6th April 2017

FULL A&E SERVICES AT THE PRINCESS ROYAL HOSPITAL

REPORT OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: HEALTH & WELL-BEING

LEAD CABINET MEMBER – CLLR RICHARD OVERTON, DEPUTY LEADER & MEMBER FOR HOUSING, LEISURE & HEALTH

PART A) – SUMMARY REPORT

1. SUMMARY OF MAIN PROPOSALS

The Shrewsbury & Telford Hospitals Trust Board met on the 30th March and have agreed for the need for the Trust to develop business continuity plans with regard to their A&E services. It is expected that it will take 6 months to develop these continuity plans and the need to develop them is as a consequence of the current fragility of medical staffing in A&E. The Trust will only implement these plans should it become necessary and have indicated that it is possible to step back at any point if their consultant staffing position becomes more resilient. The Trust's initial review of the options suggests that the option to suspend full A&E services overnight at the Princess Royal Hospital now needs to have detailed plans developed.

The Leader & Deputy Leader have made representations nationally and locally regarding this decision. The Council's PRH4Me will shortly reach 30,000 pledges as at the beginning of this week and arrangements will be made to present these at Westminster. Given the strength of public feeling a public rally is also being arranged for Sunday, 23rd April.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

To note the report and discuss the Cabinet's response to Shrewsbury & Telford Hospitals NHS Trust's need to develop business continuity plans for their A&E services.

To note that the PRH4Me campaign will shortly reach 30,000 pledges and a public rally is to take place on the 23rd April

To note that the Future Fit Board are commissioning an independent review of the appraisal processes that have been undertaken in order to make a recommendation on a preferred option for hospital reconfiguration.

3. SUMMARY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

COMMUNITY IMPACT	Do these proposals contribute to specific Co-operative Council priorities?	
	Yes	Improve Health & Wellbeing and protect and support vulnerable children and adults.
	Will the proposals impact on specific groups of people?	
	Yes	The Trust has yet to publish an impact assessment but the impact will be felt by those groups who use the A&E services during the night and potentially those patients who use the services at PRH with clinical interdependencies with the A&E – e.g. Women & Children’s, Head & Neck and Stroke services.
TARGET COMPLETION/DELIVERY DATE	The Trust has indicated that it will take 6 months to develop detailed business continuity plans.	
FINANCIAL/VALUE FOR MONEY IMPACT	No	There are no direct financial implications for the Council arising from the recommendation in this report. KC
LEGAL ISSUES	Not at present	There are no immediate legal implications at present from the Trust’s proposed Service Continuity Plans. However Legal Services will continue to closely monitor the situation and advise the Leader and Cabinet in respect of the Trust’s actions and compliance with their statutory duties and responsibilities to the residents of Telford and Wrekin; and recommend appropriate actions and/or proceedings that can be taken should the Trust breach those duties and responsibilities.
OTHER IMPACTS, RISKS & OPPORTUNITIES	Yes	The key risk is that if the Trust’s has to implement their business continuity plans with regard to suspending full A&E services overnight at PRH this is contrary to the Council’s agreed policy to maintain 24 hour A&E services at PRH.
IMPACT ON SPECIFIC WARDS	No	Borough-wide impact.

PART B) – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

4. INFORMATION

The Shrewsbury & Telford Hospitals Trust Board met on the 30th March and have agreed for the need for the Trust to develop business continuity plans with regard to their A&E services. It is expected that it will take 6 months to develop these continuity plans and the need to develop them is as a consequence of the current fragility of medical staffing in A&E. The Trust will only implement these plans should it become necessary and have indicated that it is possible to step back at any point if their consultant staffing position becomes more resilient. The Trust's initial review of the options suggests that the option to suspend full A&E services overnight (8pm to 8am) at the Princess Royal Hospital now needs to have detailed plans developed.

The Shrewsbury & Telford Hospitals Trust highlight that this decision has been taken as a result of a recent resignation and the Trust being unable to recruit substantively to the advertised A&E consultant posts that means that from June 2017 the two A&E departments at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital (RSH) and the Princess Royal Hospital (PRH) will only have 4 substantive A&E consultants with an on-call rota of 1 in 3. There are a further 4 Locum consultants also employed at present with Trust Board agreement to employ an additional two. These latter two locums have been appointed but an existing locum has since chosen to leave. The Trust have described that if additional A&E consultants were recruited the Trust could avoid having to enact business continuity plans.

In December 2015, SaTH outlined the need to develop service continuity plans for Emergency Care. The Trust originally outlined a full 7 options and these options did not specify which site - RSH or PRH – would be affected. After two stakeholder workshops, by March 2016, only one **site specific** option namely to close full A&E services overnight at PRH was on the table with the Trust Board recommending, however, to seek mutual aid to sustain the current level of service as their preferred option.

There are a number of services at PRH that have interdependencies with A&E services – Women & Children's, Head & Neck services and Stroke services. The Trust have described that further work is required to consider and reduce the risks associated with these service interdependencies. A quality impact assessment also needs to be completed.

The Leader and Deputy Leader have written to the Secretary of State on the 30th March 2017 seeking his urgent intervention to secure additional consultant staff. The Leader has previously written twice, with the Leader of Shropshire Council, to the Secretary of State seeking his support to maintain the current A&E services until the long term decisions with regard to hospital reconfiguration are taken.

The #PRH4Me campaign (www.prh4me.co.uk) will shortly reach 30,000 pledges, underlining the strength of feeling for services at the PRH about our hospitals.

Once this figure is reached the Council will be arranging for these pledges to be taken to Westminster, ideally Downing Street, to be presented to Government to ensure that decision-makers are fully aware of support for the PRH and retaining key services there.

Separately and in response to public requests the Council will organise a march for the PRH to take place on 23 April to march from Wellington to near the PRH. Final details of the route and timings are now being finalised and once confirmed will be published.

The PRH4Me campaign will continue after this, keeping followers regularly updated of developments via email, web and social media. Since it launched just over a year ago, the public have shared more than 530 of their stories of support for the PRH via www.prh4me.co.uk

In December 2016, the Future Fit programme Board made a recommendation to the Joint CCG Committee to go out to consultation with a preferred option to locate the single specialist Emergency Care centre for the area in Shrewsbury together with the Women and Children's Unit. However following concerns raised by the Council, the Joint CCG Committee did not back the recommendation and asked for an independent review to be undertaken of the appraisal processes. Telford & Wrekin Council had identified potential flaws in the process and had sought an independent review. The Cabinet Office Gateway Review subsequently also called for an independent review of the process.

The Future Fit Board is currently commissioning this review before any further recommendation to the Joint CCG Committee, made up of both Telford and Wrekin and Shropshire CCGs and three independent voting members. Next steps will then need to be determined based on the findings of the independent review.

Further significant #PRH4Me will continue to make the case for the best hospital services possible for borough residents and the many Shropshire residents for whom the PRH is their hospital.

5. IMPACT ASSESSMENT – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

To be completed.

6. PREVIOUS MINUTES

None.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Shrewsbury & Telford Hospitals Trust Board papers.

<http://www.sath.nhs.uk/about-us/trust-information/trustboard-papers/>

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