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Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Planning, Policy and Improvement)

Executive Board

Date: 22 June 2010

Subject: Final Statement and Recommendations of the City and Regional Partnerships Scrutiny Board's Statement on the Kirkstall Joint Service Centre

Electoral Wards Affected: Kirkstall

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Eligible for Call In

Not Eligible for Call In
(Details contained in the report)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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1.0 Purpose Of This Report

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2.0 Background Information

2.1 At the meeting of Scrutiny Board (City and Regional Partnerships) on 10th September 2009 reference was made to the fact that the proposal for a new Joint Service Centre at Kirkstall had stalled. The Board were advised that three Joint Service Centres at Chapeltown, Harehills and Kirkstall had been proposed via the Leeds Improvement Finance Trust (LIFT) in which the Council is a strategic partner with NHS Leeds (formerly Leeds Primary Care Trust) and they recognised that the

provision of Joint Service Centres was an important strand of the Council's Strategic Plan contributing towards tackling the City's health and social inequalities agenda.

- 2.2 The Board, in conjunction with the Chair of the Health Scrutiny Board decided to investigate this matter, however they agreed not to undertake a full scrutiny inquiry, but rather to investigate the matter and publish a Statement and recommendations on their findings. This is attached to this report.

3.0 Main Issues

- 3.1 Below, each of the Scrutiny Board's five recommendations are listed along with the proposed response. In preparing the response, views have also been sought from the NHS Leeds.

3.2 Recommendation One:

That NHS Leeds be asked to review their governance process in line with the Department of Health Code of Practice 2003 in order to ensure that

- (i) the public is advised of all matters to be considered at NHS Leeds Board meetings whether to be held in public or in private session and*
- (ii) that all appropriate reports are made available at the time the agenda is released.*

NHS Leeds has reviewed and revised its processes to ensure that prior notice is given for all items to be discussed at its Board meetings. This recommendation has therefore already been implemented.

3.3 Recommendation Two:

That the "Lessons Learned" report on the Joint Service Centre project be endorsed including the recommendations for improvement as set out in appendix 1 of this Statement.

A Lessons Learned Workshop was held in February 2010 and attended by all key partners who are fully committed to implementing the recommendations made.

3.4 Recommendation Three:

That the Public Private Partnerships Unit and NHS Leeds and other stakeholders submit a joint report to this Scrutiny Board before 31st December 2010 on the progress in implementing the recommendations for improvement detailed in appendix 1 of this Statement.

This recommendation is supported and a report will be prepared.

3.5 Recommendation Four:

That this Statement be submitted to Scrutiny Board (Health) for information at its meeting in April 2010.

The Scrutiny Board (Health) meeting was cancelled in April, however it is now intended to include the statement on the June 2010 agenda.

3.6 Recommendation Five:

That NHS Leeds be asked to submit a paper to this Board and Kirkstall ward members on the improvements they intend to make to the existing Health centre before September 2010.

NHS Leeds is in the process of finalising its options appraisal for the refurbishment of the existing Kirkstall Health Centre. NHS Leeds will therefore be in a position to report back to the Scrutiny Committee before September 2010 with regard to the details of planned service improvements to that property.

4.0 Other Issues

4.1 Following the withdrawal of NHS Leeds from the Kirkstall scheme, the Council wrote to the Communities and Local Government Department (CLG) to ask for additional time to explore other options which would meet the criteria to access the remaining joint service centre PFI credits. The CLG responded by offering a final deadline of 30th June 2010. Regretably, it has not been possible to develop a scheme which would meet the criteria for accessing the remaining credits.

5.0 Implications For Council Policy And Governance

5.1 There are no specific implications for Council Policy and Governance.

6.0 Legal And Resource Implications

6.1 There are no specific legal or resource implications.

7.0 Conclusions

7.1 The City and Regional Partnerships Scrutiny Board's investigation into the issues why the proposals for the Kirkstall Joint Service Centre had stalled have identified some important learning for both the Council and the NHS. The recommendations it makes and the "lessons learned" seminar held jointly with PPPU, the PCT, LIFT Company, Council Officers and other Stakeholders has resulted in some clear actions to be taken. Subsequently NHS Leeds have advised that consideration would be given to improvements to the existing Health Centre at Kirkstall. Despite this latter activity by NHS Leeds, it has not been possible to arrive at a scheme which officers feel would meet the criteria for accessing the joint service centre credits.

8.0 Recommendations

8.1 Executive Board are recommended to:

Approve the proposed responses to the Scrutiny Board's recommendations.

Background Papers

Correspondence with NHS Leeds re Kirkstall JSC .

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