



Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Board

10 October 2018

-: Present :-

Councillor Lewis (C) (Chairman)

Councillors Barnby, Bent, Bye, Darling (S), Long, Morey and Sykes

(Also in attendance: Councillors Amil, Brooks and Parrott)

31. Minutes

The minutes of the meetings of the Board held on 12 and 26 September 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

32. Integrating the Health and Care System in Devon

The Board considered an update provided by the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) on the proposed merger of the South Devon and Torbay CCG and the Northern, Eastern and Western Devon CCG.

Alongside the report, the Board considered the Notice of Motion which had been referred to it by the Council which set out a number of concerns about the proposed merger.

The Deputy Chief Executive of the CCG provided the context for the merger, including that the two CCGs had been working closely together over the past 18 months partly as a result of a Direction from NHS England to South Devon and Torbay CCG. During this time, a range of benefits has been realised including the simplification of decision making processes, cost savings and efficiencies of over £4million on running costs and the development of a single Executive team.

A Governing Body in Common had been held the previous week at which it was agreed that the CCGs would continue to work with their clinical members and in parallel work with NHS England to assess the appetite and readiness for a merger of the two CCGs.

Resolved: that the Board accepts the benefit of the principles of the merger of the two CCG however the Board would wish to hear the feedback from GPs and request that the CCG provide an update to a future meeting.

33. Notice of Motion - Clinical Commissioning Group - Overview and Scrutiny (Overview and Scrutiny Decision)

Consideration of the points raised within Motion took place during the debate on the item in Minute 32.

34. Destination Management Plan - Progress Report

The Board received an update on the implementation of the Destination Management Plan. The Destination Management Group, which included a range of partners, had been formed in June 2018 and was in the process of implementing the action plan.

The Director of Economic Strategy (TDA) outlined some of the different strands of work which were being undertaken, including ensuring that the Local Enterprise Partnership fully recognised the tourism sector as a bedrock sector for the Heart of the South West.

Members of the Board raised a number of points including the need for town centre regeneration, tackling long term worklessness and the future tourism offer.

Chairman
