

ACTIONS ARISING FROM ORAL QUESTIONS AT COUNCIL ON 10th MAY 2016

A) In response to a question from Councillor Bates, the Chairman of the Health Policy and Service Committee agreed to provide a written response regarding discussions by the Health Committee in respect of Hinchingsbrooke Hospital.

Response

A letter was sent on 20th June reading:

Dear Councillor Bates

On behalf of Cllr Jenkins, please find a response to your question raised at the Annual meeting of the Council on 10th May 2106 in relation to the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) funding for the McFarlane Grieve House pilot (rehabilitation beds) with Papworth Trust.

In July 2015 Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG was chosen as one of the Urgent and Emergency Care (UEC) Vanguard sites. The aim of the Urgent and Emergency Care Vanguard is to improve the coordination of urgent and emergency care services and reduce the pressure on A&E departments. It is designed to test new ways of working with the aim of improving care for patients.

In 2015/16 the UEC Vanguard successfully bid for national money to fund a number of pilot projects. Part of the funding was used to fund a three-month pilot using rehabilitation beds located in flats at MacFarlane Grieve House.

Unfortunately due to NHS financial pressures the level of Vanguard funding for 2016/17 has been significantly reduced. This means that the Clinical Commissioning Group had to make some difficult decisions about which schemes to prioritise for funding in 2016/17. The aim of the Vanguard Programme is to try new approaches to keeping people well in the community. The model of provision of interim beds did not fit within this programme coupled with the significant reduction in funding led to the pilot initiative ending on 30th April 2016.

The Health Committee have received reassurances from Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group that the local team in Huntingdon will work with staff at MacFarlane Grieve House to ensure patients are discharged home in a safe and timely manner.

Kind Regards

Kate Parker [Health Committee Programme Lead](#)

B) In response to a question from Councillor Giles, the Chairman of the Highways and Community Infrastructure Policy and Service Committee, Councillor McGuire agreed to provide a written response regarding grass cutting in St Neots.

Response

Following further meetings between officers from the County Council and St Neots Town Council a letter was sent to Mr Ed Reilly, the Town Clerk St Neots Town Council on 6th June thanking them for their generous offer and providing formal approval from the County Council in its capacity as the local highways authority to permit the Town Council to cut grass verges within the St Neots boundary which was to be at no cost to the County Council. Councillor Giles was subsequently informed of the action taken which had been as a direct result of the question he had raised.

C) In response to a question from Councillor Chapman, the Chairman of Economy and Environment Policy and Service Committee, Councillor Bates, reported that officers would write to Councillor Chapman with details of future District-wide Transport Strategies in the County.

Response

The following response was sent out to Councillor Chapman on 13th July:

Dear Cllr Chapman

I am writing with regard to your question regarding details of future District-wide Transport Strategies. The County Council is now moving towards District-wide transport strategies. These will replace those previously developed for the various market towns in the County.

Taking each District in turn:

Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire – this strategy was adopted in March 2014. The TSCSC is composed of the strategy itself, a high level programme and an action plan. Details can be found via this link:

http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20006/travel_roads_and_parking/66/transport_plans_and_policies/2

East Cambridgeshire – the draft transport strategy ‘TSEC’ was consulted upon earlier this year with consultations closing in April. The strategy is now being refined to reflect comments received from consultees with a view to the final document being adopted by the County Council’s Economy and Environment Committee in Autumn 2016. Further details can be found via this link:

http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20006/travel_roads_and_parking/66/transport_plans_and_policies/6

Huntingdonshire – work is currently underway with Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) on a Huntingdonshire Strategic Transport Study. This work has been jointly commissioned by the two authorities to provide transport evidence to support HDC’s proposed submission Local Plan. The work will be completed before the end of 2016. On completion of that work, officers will commence work on a Transport Strategy for Huntingdonshire which will draw upon the evidence from the Strategic Transport Study. This will be developed, and adopted, during 2017.

Fenland – it is proposed that work on a Fenland Transport Strategy will commence in early 2017 with a view to this also being adopted before the end of the year.

All strategies will include the strategy itself with supporting policies, and an action plan against which delivery can be monitored.

The timescales for the above may be reviewed if changing political governance arrangements (such as devolution) suggest this would be appropriate, or if available resources allow. In addition, if funding opportunities are available, development work may take place in specific areas to take advantage of this ahead of the timescales noted.

Kind Regards
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D) In response to a question from Cllr Dupre, the Chairman of Highways and Community Infrastructure Policy and Service Committee, Councillor McGuire agreed to provide a written response detailing the Council's compliance with its own covenant to minimise the impact of its contractors and subcontractors lorries in local communities.

Response

A response was provided reading:

Cambridgeshire County Council is currently working with its contractors to finalise agreement to the Safer Roads Covenant. The document has been developed for the benefit of local parishes and community groups who were concerned by the impact lorries and other large vehicles were having on their villages.

County Council Waste PFI contractor Amey, who haul waste and recycling around the county from transfer stations to their processing plant in Waterbeach, were the first priority and they have recently launched the covenant – a link to the press release is at http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/news/article/465/safer_roads_covenant_signed_by_amey

We are currently working with our two other major contractors Skanska (Highways) and Balfour Beatty (Street Lighting) to get their sign up later this year. Once these are signed off then other contractors and sub-contractors will be approached and consideration will be given in future to getting agreement as part of the terms of new contracts.

E) In response to a question from Councillor Nethsingha, the Chairwoman of Children and Young People Policy and Service Committee, Councillor Whitehead, undertook to provide a written response regarding the proportion of the County's maintained schools which were good or outstanding and the proportion of academy schools in the County that were good or outstanding.

Response

An e-mail was sent out to Cllr Nethsingha reading:

As at 31 March 2016^[1], 77% of Cambridgeshire's state funded schools^[2], with inspection results^[3] were judged to be Good or Outstanding by Ofsted. The level for Cambridgeshire's maintained schools was higher (81% of the 181 schools with inspection outcomes were Good or Outstanding) than the level for academies and free schools (65% of the 65 'schools' with inspection outcomes were Good or Outstanding).

Cambridgeshire's overall performance is skewed by the inspection judgements for secondary academies (53% Good or Outstanding) but the outcomes at maintained primary schools and primary academies are closer – 80% of maintained primary schools are Good or Outstanding compared with 74% of academies.

A breakdown of the figures by type of school and phase of education is provided below.

1. All State Funded Schools: As at 31 March 2016 Cambridgeshire had 257 state funded schools, thirteen of which are waiting for their 'first' inspections.

- Nursery Schools: All 7 (100%) were judged to be Good or Outstanding
- Primary Schools: 79% of the 196 'schools' with inspection outcomes were Good or Outstanding (9 'schools' are waiting for their 'first' inspection).
- Secondary Schools: 53% of the 30 'schools' with inspection outcomes were Good or Outstanding (3 'schools' are waiting for their 'first' inspection).
- Special Schools: 89% of the 7 'schools' were judged to be Good or Outstanding.
- All Schools: 77% of the 244 'schools' with inspection outcomes were judged to be Good or Outstanding (13 'schools' are waiting for their 'first' inspection).

2. Maintained Schools: As at 31 March 2016 Cambridgeshire had 182 maintained schools of which one, (Trumpington Community College) is waiting for its first inspection.

- Nursery Schools: all 7 (100%) were judged to be Good or Outstanding
- Primary Schools: 80% of the 165 schools with inspection outcomes were Good or Outstanding.
- Secondary Schools: Trumpington Community College is yet to be inspected.
- Special Schools: 76% of the 7 schools were judged to be Good or Outstanding.
- All Schools: 81% of the 181 schools with inspection outcomes were judged to be good or Outstanding (1 school is yet to be inspected).

3. Academies and Free Schools: As at 31 March 2016 Cambridgeshire had 75 academies and free schools of which 12 are waiting for their first inspection.

- Nursery Schools: N/A
- Primary Schools: 74% of the 31 'schools' with inspection outcomes were Good or Outstanding (9 schools are waiting for their 'first' inspection).

- Secondary Schools: 53% of the 30 schools with inspection outcomes were Good or Outstanding (2 schools are waiting for their 'first inspection').
- Special Schools: Both schools (100%) were judged to be Good or Outstanding.
- All Schools: 65% of the 63 'schools' with inspection outcomes were Good or Outstanding (12 'schools' are waiting for their 'first inspection').

Source: Ofsted 'Management Information - Schools' statistics as at 31 March 2016.

Update: 18th July 2016.