

Subject:	Update on GP sustainability workshop		
Date of Meeting:	23 March 2016		
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Ward(s) affected:	All		

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT

- 1.1 The Overview & Scrutiny Committee held a closed workshop on 26th February to look at the issue of GP sustainability in the city.
- 1.2 The purpose of the report is to enable members to consider the potential actions it wishes to take in relation to this issue.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Committee agrees the proposed actions it wishes to take next in relation to GP sustainability in the city (see appendix 1 for these proposals).

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 Representatives from NHS England, the Clinical Commissioning Group (Brighton and Hove) and the Care Quality Commission came to speak to members of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 26th February and answer questions about the current and future situation in Brighton & Hove. This was arranged following a number of discussions at previous OSC committees about GP closures and the sustainability of service provision across the city.
- 3.2 At the end of the workshop, the OSC Councillors present were asked:
 - whether they had sufficient information on this issue
 - in which areas did they wish for further information
 - what further action(s) they wished to pursue

4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 The appendix describes the information the OSC councillors indicated that they would like to receive from different stakeholder organisations.

- 4.2 Following the workshop OSC councillors were clear that while they wanted to receive further regular updates on this issue, they did not wish to set up a scrutiny panel to look at this issue at this time.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The workshop did not have the patient voice as part of the content. Community consultation has been carried out by Community Works separately on specific issues currently relating to GP sustainability. They gathered a snapshot of the views of patients from the five Brighton and Hove surgeries run by the Practice Group, over a ten day period in February 2016. These views were about the Practice Group giving notice on their contract to manage the surgeries. Please see this for more information - [http://present.brightonhove.gov.uk/Published/C00000826/M00006257/AI00050770/\\$SnapshotofPatientViewsonthePracticeGroupsnoticeontheircontra.pdfA.ps.pdf](http://present.brightonhove.gov.uk/Published/C00000826/M00006257/AI00050770/$SnapshotofPatientViewsonthePracticeGroupsnoticeontheircontra.pdfA.ps.pdf)

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 The sustainability of GP practices in the city remains a key issue and this report is seeking to enable councillors to agree how to take this issue forward.

7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 7.1 There are no financial implications directly resulting from this report.

Legal Implications:

- 7.2 There are no legal implications directly resulting from this report.

Equalities Implications:

- 7.3 There are no equalities implications arising directly from this report.

Sustainability Implications:

- 7.4 There are no sustainability implications arising directly from this report.