

**HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
27 SEPTEMBER 2012**

**RESPONSES TO PRE-CONSULTATION ON SHAPING THE FUTURE OF HEALTHCARE
IN EAST BERKSHIRE
Assistant Chief Executive**

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel to note the responses by the Council and the Joint East Berkshire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JEB) to the pre-consultation document on the 'Shaping the Future' proposals for changing healthcare in east Berkshire, and the replies from the Primary Care Trust (PCT).

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel notes the responses by the Council and the Joint East Berkshire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to the pre-consultation document on the 'Shaping the Future' proposals, and the replies from the Primary Care Trust.**

3 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 NHS Berkshire Primary Care Trust, together with various NHS partners, issued its 'Vision Document' for Shaping the Future of Healthcare in East Berkshire¹ in June 2012. This sought views on ideas for a full public consultation on suggested changes to health services in east Berkshire, to take place in autumn 2012.
- 3.2 The response by the Executive Member for Adult Services, Health and Housing, to the PCT's pre-consultation vision document, attached at Annex 1, was agreed with Members of the Panel.
- 3.3 The response by the JEB Committee, attached at Annex 2, was agreed by the Councillors from Bracknell Forest and other councils' representatives on that Committee. The response is consistent with the Council's response at Annex 1.
- 3.4 The PCT's replies to the points raised by the Council and the JEB Committee are at Annexes 3 and 4. The JEB Committee is due to meet next on 1 October.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED/ ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS/ EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT/ STRATEGIC RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES / OTHER OFFICERS/ CONSULTATION – Not applicable

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¹ <http://www.berkshirewest.nhs.uk/page-stf.asp?fldArea=11&fldMenu=4&fldSubMenu=1&fldKey=343>