

**TO: HEALTH OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL
30 JUNE 2016**

**WORKING GROUP UPDATE REPORT
Assistant Chief Executive**

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report sets out the progress achieved to date by the Working Group of the Panel reviewing General Practitioner (GP) Capacity.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **That the Panel notes the progress achieved to date by its Working Group reviewing GP Capacity.**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 3.1 To keep the Panel up to date regarding the activities of its Working Group reviewing GP Capacity.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 None.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 The Panel's Working Group, comprising: Councillors Peacey (Lead Member), Mrs Mattick, Mrs Phillips, Mrs Temperton, Tullett and Virgo; Dr Norman and Rachael Addicott, commenced on 19 November 2015 and it has met on eight occasions to date. Initially, the Working Group received an introductory briefing on the various factors affecting the sufficiency of GP capacity, both currently and in the future, before discussing and agreeing the scope of, and approach to the review. At subsequent meetings the Working Group: discussed with its co-optee from The Kings Fund, Rachael Addicott, national issues impacting on GP capacity; it met officers to review the role of the Council's Planning function affecting medical sites; it considered the roles of other organisations having an involvement in the provision of GP facilities, and subsequently met representatives from NHS England, Health Education England, the Oxford Deanery, and the Clinical Commissioning group. An extensive programme of meetings has also been held with 14 GP Practices serving Bracknell Forest residents, collecting information on their workforce and other relevant factors.
- 5.2 Future meetings of the Working Group are being planned, principally to discuss with a hospital Trust and the Executive Member the current and future challenges for GP capacity, and what is being done and needs to be further done to address that challenge.
- 5.3 Currently, the Working Group aims to complete its work in time to issue its draft report to the meeting of the Panel in September.

**6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS / EQUALITIES
IMPACT ASSESSMENT / STRATEGIC RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES /
CONSULTATION**

6.1 Not applicable.

Background Papers

None.

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