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meeting RUSHCLIFFE MUTUAL SELECT COMMITTEE

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Joint report of the Chair of the Rushcliffe Mutual Select Committee and the Head of Scrutiny

Rushcliffe Mutual Select Committee – Scope of Review

Purpose of the report

1. This report provides an introduction to the scope of the review set by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and an opportunity for Members to develop a detailed scope and a programme of work for the Select Committee.

Background

2. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 12 July 2006 commissioned a Rushcliffe Mutual Select Committee to consider: **Is the Rushcliffe Mutual a viable proposal?**
3. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee set the scope of the review, which is attached at Appendix 1 and includes:
 - How the review links to strategic priorities
 - How the review links to community concern
 - What outcomes the review should seek
 - Specific areas that the review should consider
 - Suggested evidence, witnesses and public involvement
4. The Rushcliffe Mutual Select Committee is expected to provide a final report by October 2006.
5. The Rushcliffe Mutual proposal was initially considered by the Health Select Committee on 2 May 2006. Under S7 of the Health and Social Care Act 2001, NHS Trusts are required to consult overview and scrutiny committees on proposals for substantial variations or developments of the health service. There is no set definition of 'substantial variations or development' and it is for each local authority and health trusts to decide. To date the Rushcliffe Mutual proposal has not been considered a substantial variation or development.

Issues

6. In addition to the criteria agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the Select Committee may wish to consider the following questions:

A. Timetable When will the Topic Select Committee meet to consider the review – frequency, location	
B. Information and consultees Who would Members request information from Visits Does the review require any visits Where and with whom	
C. How the Community will be consulted, informed, and involved How will the review involve the public	
D. How the effectiveness of the review will be measured After the review, what will assist Members to look back and examine the lessons learned.	

7. To facilitate Members in the scoping process, officers from Rushcliffe Primary Care Trust (PCT) have been invited to the meeting on 27 July to present the Select Committee with the background to the Rushcliffe Mutual proposals.
8. The Select Committee may seek additional information from the PCT with regard to the specific area identified in the initial scoping documents, key lines of enquiry for scrutiny, or other areas identified by Members.
9. The Select Committee may wish to invite officers from the PCT to provide further evidence at a future meeting after additional evidence has been considered.
10. Whilst this proposal is from the Rushcliffe PCT the interest in the proposals is from a wider area, in particular interest has been expressed by GPs in Clifton and the proposal is considered to be a pathfinder project by the Department of Health.

Options

11. A suggested programme of work is attached at Appendix 2, Members may wish to agree or amend this programme.

12. The Select Committee may also wish to consider whether the Select Committee would benefit from the use of co-opted members, in addition to the witnesses identified as part of the scoping. At the Health Select Committee meeting on 2 May 2006 Members considered the

Recommendations

13. It is recommended that

the Rushcliffe Mutual Select Committee consider the scoping questions contained within the report and agree a detailed scope and work programme for the Select Committee.

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Background papers: nil.