



meeting	RUSHCLIFFE MUTUAL SELECT COMMITTEE	
date	25 September 2006	agenda item number

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

Rushcliffe Mutual Select Committee – Evidence and Response

Purpose of the report

1. This report provides the Select Committee with the opportunity to gather evidence for consideration as part of the review and to formulate comments to be submitted to Rushcliffe Primary Care Trust (PCT).

Background

2. The Rushcliffe Mutual Select Committee at its meeting on 27 July 2006 agreed to invite evidence from the following parties in person or in writing:
 - Chief Executive of the new county PCT
 - City Council and City PCT
 - Social Enterprise Unit at the Department of Health
 - UNISON
 - Rushcliffe Borough Council
 - Rt Hon Kenneth Clarke QC MP
 - Rushcliffe Council for Voluntary Service
 - Social Services: adult and children's services
3. The following witnesses attended the meeting on 4 September 2006 to provide evidence to the Select Committee:
 - Rushcliffe Council for Voluntary Service (CVS)
 - Director of Adult Social Care and Health
4. The Nottingham City Council Health Scrutiny Panel is meeting on 26 September to consider any potential implications from the Rushcliffe Mutual for residents of the City. It is suggested that any feedback from this meeting be provided to the Select Committee at the final meeting on 31 October 2006.

Issues

5. On 4 September 2006 the Select Committee identified the following areas for clarification from the Rushcliffe Mutual:

- How the Mutual is to be funded
- What services will the Mutual provide

Representatives of the Mutual have been invited to attend the meeting.

6. The Select Committee also suggested that further information was required regarding the Rushcliffe Mutual's relationship with:

- LIFT
- the new Nottinghamshire tPCT
- Nottinghamshire University Hospitals Trust

7. Any evidence received on these issues will be provided to Members at the meeting.

8. In considering the evidence provided the Rushcliffe Mutual Select Committee is to consider: **Is the Rushcliffe Mutual a viable proposal?**

9. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee suggested the following outcomes:

- Identify whether the proposed mutual is applicable to Rushcliffe
- Gauge whether the proposed mutual is transferable to other parts of Nottinghamshire
- To ensure the robustness of decision making in taking the proposals forward

10. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee suggested the following specific areas for the review to examine:

- Strengths/Weaknesses
- Size issues
- The relationship with health community served
- Staff issues

Response

11. The Board of Rushcliffe PCT meet for the final time on 27 September 2006, prior to the reconfiguration of PCTs. The Board is expected to consider issuing of a contract for services to the Rushcliffe Mutual at the meeting.

12. If the Select Committee wishes to influence this decision then an initial response will have to be agreed at the meeting on 25 September 2006 which can then be referred to the PCT.

13. It is suggested that the Select Committee consider the PCT's decision and any outstanding issues at the meeting on 31 October 2006 and send a final response to the new Nottinghamshire tPCT.
14. In considering a response Members should refer to the scope of the review and the issues outlined in paragraphs 8-10.

Recommendations

15. It is recommended that

the Rushcliffe Mutual Select Committee consider the evidence provided and that an initial response to be provided for consideration by Rushcliffe PCT at the Board meeting on 27 September 2006.

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Background papers: letter to potential witnesses – 4/8/6, 7/9/6.