

Scrutiny Officer update 16th April 2018

1. Road Maintenance and repairs in Mid Devon

Contact has been made with officers at DCC Transport and Highways and a list of questions has been sent regarding potholes and road maintenance. It has been escalated to DCC Governance Team and we are awaiting a response. Cllr Way has also contacted officers independently to request a senior DCC officer attend Scrutiny in the near future.

2. Winter Pressures Report from the RD and E (see attached report Agenda Item 6)

A Joint Report from the Head of Adult Commissioning (Devon County Council) and Health and Director of Strategy (South Devon and Torbay CCG and NEW Devon CCG) was presented to the meeting of the DCC Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Committee held on 22nd March 2018. The key highlights included:

- national decision to defer non-urgent treatment
- cancellation of some elective surgery
- a challenging flu position
- exceptional staff commitment to meet the demand
- lower levels of delayed transfers of care than last winter
- the number of discharges without a care package that were unable to be allocated by local authority teams has halved this winter

3. Partnership Working Group

The working group met for its final meeting on 15th March and received reports from the Devon Audit Partnership and Building Control Partnership. The Scrutiny Officer will prepare a draft report on Partnerships with the Director of Corporate Affairs and Business Transformation.

4. Anaerobic Digestion Working Group

The working group is awaiting comment from the Leadership team, Environmental Health and Legal on the first draft of the AD report. It is anticipated that it will be tabled at the Full Scrutiny meeting in June. It should be noted that the report concerns the process, regulation, health impact and business of anaerobic digestion and is not a report focussing on any specific concerns raised by residents around slurry pits.

5. Update from Tiverton Community Forum

Representatives from MDDC (Cllr. Andrew Moore, Christie McCombe/Planning and the Scrutiny officer) attended the forum on 27th March. One of the key actions coming out of the forum was to get a better understanding of what the community thinks the key health needs and issues are. The voluntary sector would collect information from residents through their networks using a common survey. Cllr Moore offered Council's support and confirmed that the work of the group falls within the remit of the Community PDG. The Public Health and Policy Research officer has offered assistance with survey design and gathering public health data. Other key points raised included improving the joined up approach between the voluntary organisations/public

services/GPs, mapping the available services and programs offered, better use of technology to make working together easier, challenges of the new data protection legislation and sharing data.