



COUNCIL

Date: 27 June 2022

Title: Health Services in Leighton-Linslade

Purpose of the Report:

To consider endorsing actions arising from the Health Services Task and Finish Group meeting held 17 May 2022 in respect of the Central Bedfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board.

Contact Officer:

Sarah Sandiford, Deputy Town Clerk

Corporate Objective/s	LLTC Five Year Plan – objective 13 (Infrastructure) and 16 (Central Bedfordshire Council matters) & Partnership Project List – objective 16 (healthcare provision)	
Implications:		
Financial	No	
Human Resources	No	
Operational/Service delivery	No	
Procedural/Legal	No	LLTC has no legal powers or duties in relation to healthcare
Risk/Health and Safety	No	
Environmental Aims	Yes	To reduce the need for residents to travel outside the parish for healthcare provision.

1 RECOMMENDATION/S

Should the Council be minded, the proposals are:

- 1.1 To endorse the recommendation for Councillor Perham as Chair of the Health Services Task and Finish Group to seek inclusion of an agenda item regarding healthcare provision in Leighton-Linslade at the Central Bedfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board meeting of 13 July 2022.

- 1.2 To consider and finalise the wording of the **attached** report proposed to be circulated to members of the Central Bedfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board (if the agenda item is approved and if so agreed by the Chair of that committee).

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Since its formation in 2019, the current Leighton-Linslade Health Services Task & Finish Group has met formally on 7 occasions. A formal update was given by officers from BLMK Clinical Commissioning Group and Central Bedfordshire Council on two occasions (18 December 2020 and 18 October 2021).
- 2.2 At the meeting in October 2021, it was suggested that an update could be provided by CBC and BLMK CCG in June/July 2022 but as yet no meeting date has been established.
- 2.3 At its recent meeting held 17 May 2022, the Task and Finish Group agreed an alternative approach whereby a formal submission would be made to Central Bedfordshire's Health and Wellbeing Board (draft minutes **attached at Appendix A**)
- 2.4 Part 4E of the CBC Constitution (Committee rules) allows for CBC Councillors to request an agenda item via the Monitoring Officer, if submitted with 7 clear working days' notice.
- 2.5 The CBC councillor would then be invited to address the relevant meeting and at the Chair's discretion, a supporting document can be circulated in advance.
- 2.6 At the meeting, part 4E of the CBC Constitution specifies that the actions resulting from the agenda item may be:
- If the matter is a simple one, to resolve it forthwith, or
 - To request the officers to prepare a report for the next meeting, or
 - To decide to take no further action on the item, for stated reasons.
- 2.7 CBC's public participation rules (part 4G of its Constitution) also allow for matters to be raised by question, statement or deputation but via that route there is no requirement for the Committee to decide whether or not to consider an item in the future.
- 2.8 As requested by the Task and Finish Group, a report was drafted by officers and was circulated to group members for comment. The draft with the proposed amendments put forward by individual councillors (shown in red) is **attached at Appendix B** for Council consideration.
- 2.9 Council is asked to consider and agree final wording of the report proposed to be submitted to the Central Bedfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board.

End.