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THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL – 13 OCTOBER 2010

REPORT OF THE HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE SUB-GROUP ON "PRIORITIES FOR HEALTH": A REVIEW OF NHS KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA'S PRIORITIES IN THE CONTEXT OF THE CURRENT FINANCIAL CLIMATE

REPORT BY COUNCILLOR CHRISTOPHER BUCKMASTER

1. The Health Scrutiny Committee agreed in September 2009 to establish a Sub-Group to consider the Primary Care Trust's priorities, once existing scrutiny reviews had been concluded. The Sub-Group met on three occasions between January and March this year.
2. Specifically, the Review sought to consider the PCT's priorities in the light of the current financial climate, and any implications for future proposals.
3. The Review embraced a range of areas, including: future PCT budgets; the cost of spend if current levels of activity were maintained; evidence of the range and quality of PCT commissioning for Kensington and Chelsea residents, including the use of Practice Based Commissioning; understanding current PCT priorities and the use of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment; and the future development of health community services. The Review set out fifteen recommendations for ways in which the PCT and its partners could achieve improvements and efficiencies.
4. The Sub-Group included in its membership Mr Andreas Lambrianou (a PCT non-Executive Director) and also received contributions from Ms Patricia Wright (PCT Chief Executive).
5. The Health Scrutiny Committee has received and approved the recommendations of the Sub-Group. Its report was received by the Cabinet on 22 July. The PCT has provided comments on the report, and these have been reported to the last meeting of the Health Scrutiny Committee.
6. Council is asked to note the Report of the Sub-Group, which is attached.

FOR INFORMATION

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