

# West Wiltshire District Council

## Minutes

- Minutes of the:** Scrutiny Committee
- Held on:** Wednesday 14 February 2007
- Held at:** Council Offices, Bradley Road, Trowbridge
- Present:**
- Councillors:** Phillips OBE (Chairman), Conley, Cunliffe-Jones, Hames, Hawker, Lewis, Manasseh, Mounde, Oakman, Oldrieve Payne, Rosier and While.
- Also in attendance:** Cllrs Burnan, Carbin, M.Clegg, James, Mudge, Osborn and Viles.
- Officers:** Corporate Director (IG) and Democratic Support Officer (KF)

### 14. Apologies and Membership of the Committee

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Bower, Fortescue and March.

### 15. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Manasseh – member of the Westbury Hospital Campaign Group.

### 16. Announcements from the Chairman

The Chairman welcomed Jeff James (Chief Executive PCT), Tony Barron (Chairman PCT) and Nicholas Gillard (Director of Planning & Partnerships PCT) and thanked them for agreeing to attend the meeting and answering the questions that had been raised by the Committee and Members.

The Chairman also welcomed Andrew Murrison MP to the meeting.

The Chairman advised that he would try to ensure that all Members were given the opportunity to express their views.

### 17. Health Provision in West Wiltshire

Powerpoint presentation by Jeff James (Chief Executive PCT).

The presentation covered the following points:

- Strategic Issues
- Future Direction
- Financial Context

A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes.

Cllr Roy While (Chair of Wiltshire County Council Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee) outlined the current proposals from the PCT, he advised that the Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee would be meeting 1 March to discuss these proposals and to consider how they would respond to the PCT's decision.

The Chairman then moved on to the questions that Members had submitted to the PCT, and gave each of the Members who had submitted questions an opportunity to give their responses to the answers that the PCT had provided.

The full question and answer document is attached to these minutes.

### **Open Forum**

Erica Watson – Westbury Hospital Action Group.

The Chairman thanked Jeff James and his team for attending the meeting, and for the good atmosphere that had been a feature of the evening, it was felt that this meeting had been worthwhile as a means of getting dialogue back on track between West Wilts District Council and the PCT.

### **RESOLVED**

- **That the Committee welcomes the PCT's approach and looks forward to a fruitful relationship with them.**
- **That the Committee still has concerns about the removal of our hospitals, particularly maternity.**
- **Urges the Wiltshire County Council Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee to call in the plans submitted by the PCT referring them to the Secretary of State.**

## **18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next ordinary meeting of the Scrutiny Committee would be held on Wednesday **28 February 2007** in the Council Chamber at the Council Offices, Bradley Road, Trowbridge at **7pm**.

(7.05pm – 10:20pm)

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