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## Overview and Scrutiny Committee

### Select Committee No 4 - Health

10 January 2008

#### Present at the meeting:

Councillor G M Bretherton (Chair)  
Councillor C Rigby  
Councillor M W Winstanley

Councillor Mrs J Hurst  
Councillor N R Whittingham

**.1 Apologies for absence:** Councillors R J Derricutt, I A Franzen, Mrs S Loudon and R Winkworth.

**.2 Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of this Select Committee held on 15 November 2007 were approved as a correct record.

**.3 External Support for Commissioners (FESC):** A presentation was given by Mick Dolan and Alan Stephenson from the Ashton, Leigh and Wigan Primary Care Trust (PCT) on the External Support for Commissioners Framework

The presentation gave an overview of the External Support for Commissioners Framework and the proposals by the PCT to become a pilot for the Framework. There was a question and answer session. Mick Dolan told the Select Committee that the PCT would provide a written briefing by February 2008.

Resolved: (1) The Select Committee thanked Mick Dolan and Alan Stephenson for the presentation.

(2) The Select Committee resolved that D Taylor would contact the PCT to ask for updates on the External Support for Commissioners Framework.

**.4 Update on topic:** D Taylor gave an update on the health inequalities topic. She had met with the PCT, who had raised concerns about the questionnaire and had suggested a full training day for all Elected Members on the health issues facing the Borough.

D Taylor asked the Select Committee for their views on this, to take back to the PCT.

Resolved: (1) The Select Committee thanked D Taylor for this update.

(2) The Select Committee agreed to give D Taylor their agreement to the above session.

**.5 General updates:** Councillor G M Bretherton gave an update on the launch in December 2007 of the Joint Public Health Strategy.

Resolved: The Select Committee thanked Councillor G M Bretherton for this update.

**.6 Any other business - (a) Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Trust, Foundation Trust application, consultation:** There was a discussion about the Trust's application and D Taylor went through the Select Committees response to the consultation.

Resolved: (1) The Select Committee agreed the response and thanked D Taylor for collating this response.

(2) The Select Committee asked D Taylor to contact Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Trust for an update about the Foundation Trust application.

**(b) Wrightington Hospital:** The Select Committee raised the issue of the closure of Wrightington Hospital.

Resolved: The Select Committee asked D Taylor to contact Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Trust about the closure of Wrightington Hospital.

**(c) Audiology:** The Select Committee requested an update on progress from the Audiology review.

Resolved: The Select Committee asked D Taylor to contact Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Trust for an update on Audiology.

**(d) General:** There was a general discussion about updates from Ashton, Leigh and Wigan PCT and Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Trust.

Resolved: The Select Committee asked D Taylor to contact Ashton, Leigh and Wigan PCT and Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Trust to ask for regular updates.

**.7 Date and time of next meeting:** Resolved: The next meeting be held on 21 February 2008 at 6.00 pm.

Chairman