

## Overview and Scrutiny Committee

### Select Committee No 4 (Health)

19 July 2007

#### Present at the meeting:

Councillor G Bretherton (Chair)  
Councillor C Rigby  
Councillor Mrs J Hurst  
Councillor Mrs S Loudon

Councillor R J Derricutt  
Councillor I A Franzen

- .1 Apologies for absence:** Councillor N R Whittingham and Councillor Mrs R Winkworth
- .2 Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes were not discussed.
- .3 Urgent Business:** No urgent business was brought to the attention of the Select Committee.
- .4 Introductions and welcome to new members and protocol:** Councillor Ged Bretherton welcomed the new members to the committee. Members introduced themselves and stated their interest in health scrutiny.

Diane updated members briefly on the role of health scrutiny and what its powers are.
- .5 General updates:** Councillor Ged Bretherton updating the committee on the impending closure of Whelley Hospital.

Councillor Ged Bretherton updated the committee on the proposal to apply for Foundation Trust status.

Resolved: The Select Committee thanked Councillor Ged Bretherton for this information and requested that he bring back further information on this matter from his meeting with Gill Harris and Andrew Foster from The Wigan, Wrightington and Leigh Trust to the next meeting.

Diane Taylor updated the committee on the Local Improvement Networks (LINKs).

Resolved: The select committee asked to be kept informed of any updates.
- .6 End of year report:**

Resolved: The Select Committee thanked Diane Taylor for her hard work and continued support in drawing together this report.

**.7 New topic - Health Inequalities:**

Resolved: The Select Committee discussed the determinants of health inequalities and asked Diane Taylor to produce a Terms of Reference for the review.

**.8 Identification of training needs:**

The Select Committee discussed training need.

Resolved: The Select Committee asked Diane Taylor to organise basic training on the health economy and how overview and scrutiny fits into this. If possible this might be something that can be organised regionally for new and existing members.

**.9 Date and time of next meeting:**

16 August 2007 at 6pm

Resolved: The Select Committee approved this decision.

Chairman