

\*PART A

**Report to:** Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
**Date of meeting:** 2 February 2012  
**Report of:** Head of Legal and Property Services  
**Title:** Hospital Parking Charges Task Group – Final Report

1.0 **SUMMARY**

1.1 This report asks Overview and Scrutiny Committee to endorse the recommendations set out in the final report from the Hospital Parking Charges Task Group, attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

2.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee endorses the Hospital Parking Charges Task Group recommendations.

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**Report approved by:** Carol Chen, Head of Legal and Property Services

3.0 **DETAILED PROPOSAL**

3.1 At the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 23 June 2011 it was agreed to establish a Task Group to consider a proposal suggested by Councillor Karen Collett.

3.2 Councillor Collett's proposal asked that a Task Group was set up to review parking at the hospital and its high charges. The original scope is attached as Appendix 2 to this report.

3.3 All Councillors were contacted about the review and asked to inform the Committee and Scrutiny Officer if they were interested in participating in the review.

- 3.4 At the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 26 July 2011 Members were informed that five Councillors had expressed an interest in participating in the review. It was agreed that these Councillors would form the Task Group membership.
- 3.5 The Task Group has met on five occasions, with the last one taking place on Wednesday 4 January. At this meeting the final report and recommendations were agreed for submission to Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 3.6 If the recommendations are endorsed the final report, including its appendices, will be sent to the Associate Director of Strategic Development and Associate Director of Infrastructure from West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust for their consideration. The Task Group also agreed that the report would be sent to the PALS Co-ordinator, who had provided a written response to an enquiry from the Task Group, and to the Mayor, who is Portfolio Holder responsible for partnerships and health.
- 4.0 **IMPLICATIONS**
- 4.1 **Financial**
- 4.1.1 *The Head of Strategic Finance reports that there are no financial implications to the Council arising out of this report.*
- 4.2 **Legal Issues** (Monitoring Officer)  
There are no legal implications for the Council in this report. Members are reminded that the Hospital is under no obligation to implement these recommendations.
- 4.2.1
- 4.3 **Potential Risks**  
None identified.

#### Appendices

Appendix 1 – Final report of the Hospital Parking Charges Task Group (*The appendices to the final report are not attached but are available on request from Democratic Services*)

Appendix 2 – Final scope for the review

#### Background Papers

The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report. If you wish to inspect or take copies of the background papers, please contact the officer named on the front page of the report.

Minutes of the Hospital Parking Charges Task Group's meetings.

#### File Reference

None