

**“MAKING IT BETTER” JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF THE HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL HELD ON TUESDAY 9
JANUARY 2007 AT THE TOWN HALL, MANCHESTER**

Present: -

<u>BOLTON MBC</u>	Councillor Andy Morgan Robert Landon
<u>BURY MBC</u>	Councillor John Smith Andrea Tomlinson
<u>DERBYSHIRE CC</u>	Councillor Alan Jones
<u>LANCASHIRE CC</u>	Councillor Gladys Sandiford (Rossendale BC)
<u>MANCHESTER CC</u>	Councillor Tony Parkinson Ged Devereux
<u>OLDHAM MBC</u>	Councillor Jean Jones
<u>ROCHDALE MBC</u>	Councillor Pauline Maguire Sally Atueyi
<u>SALFORD MBC</u>	Councillor Joseph Kean Karen Dainty
<u>STOCKPORT MBC</u>	Councillor June Somekh Louise Richardson
<u>TAMESIDE MBC</u>	Diana Paver
<u>TRAFFORD MBC</u>	Councillor Patricia Young Elaine Fisher
<u>WIGAN MBC</u>	Councillor John O'Brien (Chair) Diane Taylor
<u>AGMA POLICY UNIT</u>	David Fletcher
<u>HEALTH REPRESENTATIVES</u>	Tony Gick Cath Broderick Ian McCrae Leila Williams Debra Batchelor Matthew Bluch Michael Maresh

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Jack Davis (Tameside MBC).

2. RESPONSE TO THE REPORT OF THE JOINT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Making It Better Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts (JCPCT) submitted a report replying to the response to the Consultation from the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The report consisted of a commentary on the points raised by the Scrutiny Committee. This appeared as italicised text within the attached copy of the original response. Within the report reference was also made to the appropriate sections of two further papers:

The relevant documentation which was submitted to a meeting of the JCPCT held on 8 December 2006, and
A summary report of the business transacted at that meeting.

Ian McCrae proceeded to take the meeting through the reports explaining the process and reasoning that the JCPCT had gone through and why the other options had been rejected before finally arriving at the decision to adopt Option A. He proceeded to answer questions from Members, especially responding to the very strong views expressed by the Members from Bury, Rochdale and Salford.

Councillor Young, Trafford MBC raised an issue regarding the long term security of Trafford General and its midwife led Unit. It was agreed that this was a matter best dealt with by Trafford MBC's O+S Committee.

All the Health Service representatives confirmed that they were more than willing to attend local OSC's to discuss in detail local concerns.

Following further discussion Members agreed that they had received a sufficient and acceptable decision of how the JCPCT had arrived at its decision.

The Chair commented that the Committee must continue to look strategically and move forward and that it recognised the long term benefits of this decision.

The Chair also requested the JCPCT to report back to this Committee how much money this whole exercise had cost.

The Committee **agreed** not to refer the decision on changes to in-patient maternity, children's and neonatal services across Greater Manchester, Eastern Cheshire, High Peak and Rossendale to the Secretary of State for Health. (The Members from Bury, Rochdale and Salford did not support this decision).

This decision does not stop individual Local Authority's Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee's in the affected areas from referring the decision to the Secretary of State for Health.

Chair.