

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	Council	
MEETING DATE:	25th February 2020	
TITLE:	Referral from Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel – Maternity Services Reconfiguration Update	
WARD:	All [or list specific wards]	
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM		
List of attachments to this report: Appendix 1 - Extract of the minutes of the Children, Adults, Health & Wellbeing Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel for this issue.		

1 THE ISSUE

1.1 The Children, Adults, Health & Wellbeing Policy Development & Scrutiny panel considered an item on Maternity Services Reconfiguration Update at their meeting on 28th January 2020. They referred this item to Council.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Council is asked to;

2.1 Note that the Children, Adults, Health & Wellbeing Policy Development & Scrutiny panel RESOLVED to:

- i. Note the Maternity Services Reconfiguration update and next steps;
- ii. Note that the proposed Alongside Midwifery Unit (AMU) at the Royal United Hospital in Bath does not yet have capital funding and, even if the funding is secured, this unit will not be open until 2022/2023;
- iii. Express its regret that, once Paulton Maternity Unit has closed in April 2020, for a period of at least two and potentially more than three years there will be no midwife-led unit within Bath and North East Somerset;
- iv. Refer this matter to Full Council for its consideration.

2.2 Note the above referral from the Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel and consider if it wishes to pass any comments on the proposals/resolutions.

3 THE REPORT

- 3.1 The full report to the Panel is available online and as a link at the end of this report.
- 3.2 The draft minute for this item at the Panel is attached as Appendix 1.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 Contained within the Decision-Making Business case in the report to the Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel.
- 4.2 As noted in the draft minute, the reconfiguration of maternity services is an NHS decision made unanimously by the governing bodies of the Clinical Commissioning Groups for B&NES, Swindon and Wiltshire and scrutinised by a joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee, so the Council and its Committee have no statutory powers to challenge the decision.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 5.1 As detailed in the report to the Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel.

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 6.1 As detailed in the report to the Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel.

7 CLIMATE CHANGE

- 7.1 As detailed in the report to the Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel.

8 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 8.1 None.

9 CONSULTATION

- 9.1 As detailed in the report to the Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel.

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Background papers	The report to the Policy Development & Scrutiny panel is available here (pages 25 – 42); https://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/documents/g5543/Public%20reports%20pack%2028th-Jan-2020%2010.00%20Children%20Adults%20Health%20and%20Wellbeing%20Policy%20Development%20.pdf?T=10
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