

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
PEOPLE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY SUB COMMITTEE
Council Chamber - Town Hall
15 March 2023 (7.00 - 8.10 pm)**

Present:

COUNCILLORS

Conservative Group Ray Best, Jason Frost (Chairman), Christine Smith and David Taylor

Havering Residents' Group Laurance Garrard, Bryan Vincent and Julie Wilkes

Labour Group Patricia Brown and Frankie Walker (Vice-Chair)

East Havering Residents Group Darren Wise

Also present Ian Rusha

31 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

Apologies were received from Councillor Jacqueline McArdle and co-optee Julie Lamb.

32 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interests.

33 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reminded members of the actions to be taken in case of an emergency.

34 MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st December 2022 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

35 BHRUT PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Sub-Committee was presented with a BHRUT Update report.

Alongside a presentation as shown in the agenda, it was explained to members that for the past 2 winters, in-patient numbers have not spiked

enough for the elective hubs to close which was positive as it is the view that electives should be protected. Members questioned if cancer patients had to wait more than 52 weeks and whether there were plans to reduce the 52+ week waiting list. It was explained that cancer patients have to start treatment in 62 days maximum and that there was a national target to reduce the 52+ week waiting list by March 2025 and a local target of September 2023.

It was explained to members that NEL pathology is the most under resourced service in London with the lowest workforce per 100k population. A staff survey had been held with results showing that staff want to be valued and plans had been put in place to have junior level staff shadow executive level staff to observe the decision making processes within BHRUT. It was noted that no issues had been raised yet regarding the new ULEZ expansion.

The Sub-Committee suggested that space be kept free in the master plan for NHS provisions to which NHS staff would contact the Council to consider.

The Sub-Committee made no other recommendations..

Chairman