

APPENDIX A

- Referral from Scrutiny Committee

Meeting:	Cabinet
Date:	26 March 2020
Subject:	Final report of the Scrutiny Seaford Health Hub Panel
Report of:	Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Services

The Cabinet is asked to consider the minute and resolution of the Scrutiny meeting held on 9 February 2020 as set out below.

The Cabinet is recommended :-

1. At this time, not to progress the proposed development on the Downs Site of a health hub, unless and until all the following conditions have been satisfied:
 - a) It is established within a reasonable timescale (i.e. 12 months) by the NHS that there is no practical prospect of new GP premises being provided in Seaford through the redevelopment of the Seaford Medical Practice's existing Dane Road site together with the Richmond Road car park. For this purpose the Cabinet should be satisfied that the NHS has diligently carried out a full analysis of the viability of this option which should include all necessary surveys.
 - b) A revised design for the Downs Site is finalised, which excludes the residential and retail elements.
 - c) The financial model for the revised design specified at point b) above must clearly demonstrate that the Council will make a suitable financial return commensurate with the risks involved, and that the required investment will not prevent the Council from investing in higher priority capital projects to the benefit of the whole of the District, due to the impact of that investment on the Council's borrowing limits.

Draft minute extract

Scrutiny – 6 February 2020.

Councillor Robinson, Chair of the Scrutiny Seaford Health Hub Panel, Introduced and provided a summary of the Panel's work. During discussion the following points set out below were highlighted.

Some Members felt that the overall emphasis of the recommendations was too negative and it was suggested that a more positive recommendation should be included.

Members also felt that specifying where on the site the Hub should be sited was too restrictive and the recommendations should be amended to say that a revised design would be developed.

The Committee also felt that, whilst a 12 month review of the proposals was reasonable, it did not prevent further scrutiny at an earlier period, subject to the recommendations being implemented.

It was proposed that, to reflect the concern of some of the Committee members, the wording in the initial recommendation be changed to ...”The Scrutiny Committee’s recommendation is for the Council, *at this time*, not to progress the proposed development on the Downs Site of a health hub unless and until all the following conditions have been satisfied:”, and for recommendation b) to be as set out in the panel’s report, subject to the deletion of the words “*and relocates the new health hub building to the east of the existing leisure building*”.

RESOLVED

1. To thank the Scrutiny Panel for its work, and support the Panel’s recommendations subject to the changes set out above.
2. To recommend to Cabinet, that the Council, at this time, not to progress the proposed development on the Downs Site of a health hub, unless and until all the following conditions have been satisfied:
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