

**FUTURE GOVERNANCE OF HINCHINGBROOKE HOSPITAL
(Report by the Head of Democratic and Central Services)**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Members will be aware that the future governance of Hinchingsbrooke Hospital has been included in the Panel's work programme since the beginning of the Municipal Year when it was transferred over from the former Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Service Delivery).
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to acquaint the Panel with the contents of the first edition of "Next Steps News", a newsletter which has been designed to encourage the public to get involved in shaping the future of Hinchingsbrooke Hospital.

2. "NEXT STEP NEWS"

- 2.1 The newsletter, appended hereto as an Appendix, provides background information on why changes are needed at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital and draws attention to a number of "frequently asked questions" on the consultation process and proposals.
- 2.2 The newsletter also provides an opportunity for members of the public to comment on the proposals. This will enable NHS East of England, NHS Cambridgeshire and Hinchingsbrooke Health Care NHS Trust to identify public views on the healthcare provision available at the Hospital and on what they expect to see from the successful franchisee.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Comments on the newsletter have been requested by 2nd December 2009. The Panel is therefore

RECOMMENDED

to receive and note the content of the "Next Steps News" newsletter and to consider whether to submit a response to NHS East of England on the proposals contained in it.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

Minutes and Report of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Service Delivery) held on 6th January 2009.

Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Social Well-Being) Progress Reports.

NHS East of England Press Release entitled "Public encouraged to help shape Hinchingsbrooke Hospital's future" dated 4th November 2009.