

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMISSION

MINUTES of the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Commission held on Tuesday 13 May 2025 at 7.00 pm at 160, Tooley Street, SE1 2QH

PRESENT: Councillor Suzanne Abachor (Chair)
Councillor Maria Linforth-Hall (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Esme Dobson
Councillor Sandra Rhule
Councillor Jason Ochere
Councillor Charlie Smith

**OTHER MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

**OFFICER
SUPPORT:** Julie Timbrell, Project Manager , scrutiny

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

**2. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR
DEEMS URGENT**

There were none.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

4. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 April 2025 were agreed as an accurate record.

5. DELIVERY OF A NEW NURSING HOME

Members discussed the scrutiny review headline report circulated with the agenda.

There was a discussion on whether a Gateway 0 process ought to have been followed and if a market led approach is a type of procurement process- with reference to contradictory evidence received.

Members asked if the call-in process could be utilised, once a decision by cabinet has been made, and if this is a better process for recommending a Gateway 0 report. The project manager advised that members could use this procedure, but call-ins are only admissible if members have demonstrated that the council's decision-making process had not been followed. It could therefore be used to test if the Gateway 0 process ought to have been followed, but a scrutiny review report is a better way of making a case for exploring alternative delivery models more fully and setting out the case for this. It is possible to do both.

There was a discussion on if capital could be found for direct delivery. A member commented that a workspace in Peckham is receiving £10 million capital. It was noted that exploring sources of capital more thoroughly is a subsidiary recommendation, as part of a Gateway 0 process, rather than an outright proposal.

RESOLVED

- The headline report was agreed and will be progressed to a full report, with the recommendation amended to refer to a Gateway 0 report.
- Members will attend cabinet to support the chair presenting the report.

6. WORK PROGRAMME

The commission recommended the following items are put forward for next years work programme:

- Follow up on Toilet Strategy
- GPs - waiting times and access
- Blue Badge follow up items

- TfL : free bus pass times and promoting considerate bus driving