



## **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

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**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