

NOTICE OF MOTION – CLLR W FORSTER – COMMUNITY DIAGNOSTIC CENTRE IN WOKING

Executive Summary

At its meeting on 1 December 2022, the Council referred the following Notice of Motion to the Executive.

Councillor W Forster

“This Council notes that our residents’ closest diagnostic centres are currently in Ashford, Chertsey and Guildford. At present Woking residents often have to travel outside the Borough for medical tests or a diagnosis.

This Council warmly welcomes and fully supports the decision to open a community diagnostic centre at Woking Community Hospital. The planned expansion of a diagnostic hub in Woking is in line with the NHS Long Term Plan will provide a local, accessible service for our residents. The Council recognises that access to the new services has the potential to improve our residents quality of life and may help to save lives.

This Council believes that the decision to open a strategic community diagnostic hub in Woking is a clear example of this authority’s close working relationship with our key partners, especially Ashford and St Peters NHS Trust, Surrey Heartlands Integrated Care Board and CSH.”

Officer Comment

“The NHS’s plan is to develop diagnostic centres in community services across the country, initially Surrey will have three. Ashford and St Peter’s Hospitals (ASPH) made a proposal for Woking because the centre and north of our catchment are well served for diagnostics but Woking residents predominately have had to travel. It will be a large capital investment into Woking Community Hospital and provide it with the most modern diagnostic equipment. This is an excellent example of partnership working through the Alliance to benefit the residents of Woking. The diagnostic centre facilities will include increased ultra sound capacity, new CT and MRI facilities, bone density scans, cardiac test lab, respiratory test lab and adult audiology.

The major benefits of the development are:

- the requirement for Woking residents to travel to Ashford for the majority of standard imaging diagnostic tests will cease as scans will be able to be provided locally;
- the building will provide for additional outpatient space and therefore one stop services will be able to be developed again reducing the need for Woking residents to travel to Ashford; and
- provides the most modern diagnostic services to Woking Hospital that have previously only provided at major hospital sites.”

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Background Papers: None.

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