

“This Council **notes** the Consultation launched in respect of the Future of Acute Services and welcomes the fact that this Consultation, which is long overdue, is now underway.

This Council **welcomes** that the Kidderminster site is to be retained and planned procedures are to continue to take place and would encourage further activity to ensure that this asset is utilised to its full potential to the benefit of local patients.

This Council **supports** the continued provision of services from the Kidderminster site and the retention of the minor injuries unit.

This Council expresses deep concern at the current state of the Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust, in particular regarding Accident and Emergency at the Worcestershire Royal Site.

This Council **notes** under the current Consultation, there are proposed changes to provision at the Alexandra Accident and Emergency site in Redditch, and that this will inevitably increase activity on the Worcester Royal site and **urges** the Trust to ensure that it has adequate capacity to ensure that the Worcester Royal can cope with this and thus ensuring that Wyre Forest residents are not affected by this change.

Council is however concerned that, as presently constituted the Sustainability and Transformation Plan for Herefordshire and Worcestershire would see in the period to 2021, Acute beds in Worcestershire decrease by 3 beds whilst Community Beds would be cut from 324 to 182, a reduction of 44%.

Council is concerned that any such reduction could potentially see more delayed discharges from the Worcester Royal Hospital, thus increasing pressures on the Acute Trust.

This Council **supports** Mark Garnier MP’s work in lobbying hard on behalf of Wyre Forest residents to raise his concerns with the Secretary of State and requests that he continues to do so in the strongest possible terms to ensure that the trust is effectively run and managed.

This Council **resolves** to write to the new Chairman and Chief Executive of the Trust **to invite them** to give a presentation to this Council as a matter of urgency.

This Council **resolves** to request the Chief Executive to write on behalf of WFDC and support the clinical model as having considered the consultation document this best supports the needs of Wyre Forest residents as it is essential that we have a safe, sustainable and fit for purpose Health Service.”