

**Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services**

**Yorkshire Ambulance Service**

**Summary**

1. This report is to introduce representatives of Yorkshire Ambulance Service who wish to update members about ambulance services which affect the York area.

**Background**

2. In the past members received regular updates from the former Tees, East and North Yorkshire Ambulance Service (TENYAS). On 1 July 2006 TENYAS became part of the reconfigured Yorkshire Ambulance Service (YAS) along with West Yorkshire Metropolitan Ambulance Service and South Yorkshire Ambulance Service.
3. In January 2007 YAS announced that they intend closing the current York Ambulance Station in Hungate and replacing it with alternative facilities and increased staffing which will benefit patients in the area.
4. The Head of Facilities Management in CYC's Property Services has informed us that the lease on the Ambulance Station at Hungate will expire at the end of March 2009. The council requires vacant possession of the premises by March 2008 in order to meet its intended completion date of June 2010 for its new office accommodation in Hungate. Property Services are working with YAS to help them find a suitable site for a new Ambulance Service hub.
5. Members have previously requested updates as to developments within the newly formed Yorkshire Ambulance Service and this meeting will be an opportunity to discuss progress in the reconfigured service.

## **Consultation**

6. This item is part of ongoing consultation with the YAS which members of the Health Scrutiny Committee carry out in order to have democratic input into Health Services provision in York. For this item consultation has been carried out with officers from Property Services in connection with the timescales for the office development at Hungate.

## **Options**

7. Members are asked to consider the information provided by the YAS and consider whether they would request a formal consultation on this matter under the Health and Social Care Act 2001.

## **Analysis**

8. If members are reassured that there will be a replacement ambulance station within the locality which does not have an adverse effect on services then they may be of the opinion that a statutory consultation is not necessary in this case. They may wish to request further information as and when details of the new provision become available.

## **Corporate Priorities**

9. Relevant to Corporate Priority 7 – Improve the health and lifestyles of the people who live in York, in particular among groups whose levels of health are the poorest.

## **Implications**

10. There are no known Financial, HR, Equalities, Legal, Crime and Disorder, IT or other implications at this stage.

## **Risk Management**

11. In compliance with the Councils risk management strategy. There are no risks associated with the recommendations of this report.

## Recommendations

12. Members are asked to receive the information provided by Yorkshire Ambulance Service and consider any future updates they may require.

Reason: In order to carry out their duty to promote the health needs of the people they represent.

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**Annexes**

None

**Background Papers**

None