

Redditch Borough Council

Commission to investigate Residents' views about Proposals for the Future of the Alexandra Hospital

Terms of Reference

Membership:

The Commission comprises members of the Executive Committee:
Councillors Bill Hartnett, Greg Chance, Rebecca Blake, Michael Braley,
Carole Gandy, Phil Mould, Mark Shurmer, Luke Stephens and Debbie Taylor.

It will be chaired by Councillor Bill Hartnett.

Purpose:

1. To gather evidence from residents of the Borough about the potential impact of the options for the Joint Service Review of health on the Alexandra Hospital;
2. To prepare a report of the evidence gathered to present to Worcestershire NHS to be considered as part of the public consultation on its proposals and to the Borough Council to inform its response to the public consultation on the Review.

How the Commission will carry out its work:

The Commission will invite members of the public to present their views, either in writing or at two meetings convened at the Town Hall in Redditch.

The meetings will be handled as follows:

- As people attend they will be asked if they wish to speak, if so they will be given a number. Alternatively they can submit their written comments.
- Each number will be called in turn giving the person up to 10 minutes, at the Chair's discretion, to voice their views to the panel on the shortlist options.
- Notes will be taken and the "hearing" tape recorded in order to ensure full transparency.
- Only questions of clarification to witnesses may be asked by the panel.
- Press will be welcome to the open sessions.
- It is not proposed that elected members should be allowed to give evidence to the commission – this is purely about hearing from members of the public.