**Sub-Committee members present:**

Wantage Town Council: Councillors J Hannaby (Chair) and K Morris

Other members:County Councillor J Hanna, District and East Challow Parish Councillor P Barrow, District and Grove Parish Councillor R Batstone, Grove Parish Councillor J Leggott, and J Parker and M Swain.

Others present:

Town Clerk: Mrs J Evans.

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 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Town Councillors A Crawford and E Johnson and
J Hutchinson and J Mabberley.

**1. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests, other registrable interests and any non-registrable interests.**

Other and non-registerable interests were detailed as follows -

Councillor Hannaby declared an interest as a member of the Hospital League of Friends and a Trustee of the Wantage Nursing Home Trust. Councillors P Barrow and J Hanna declared an interest as members of HOSC, M Swain declared an interest as a member of the League of Friends.

**2. Statements and Questions from the public**

None.

**3.. Minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2023**

The minutes were approved.

**4. Matters arising from the minutes**

4. 7. Physiotherapy services at Community Hospital - Councillor Johnson had raised concerns about the difficulties in accessing physiotherapy at the hospital. Clerk to seek more information about the scope of the service. **Action: Clerk**

**5. Update re Wantage Community Hospital services review.**

A meeting was held on 4th December at Letcombe Village Hall to present the findings of the survey. There had been just under 300 responses. There had been a second presentation setting out the enablers and the barriers. CIL funding had been identified for the project. A meeting had been arranged for 12th December where HOSC were to look at the process and at the offer from the NHS. Points to note from the survey were:

1. Very few people thought that retaining hospital beds was important. It was noted that national guidelines were for care at home.
2. There was not enough money for an X Ray unit although it was noted that mobile X Ray units were available.
3. More services were required to meet the needs of the growing community and there was no space at the Health Centre for additional services.

End of life care had not been mentioned. A response from the NHS on the survey results had not yet been received.

**6. Next Steps**

Councillors Hannaby and Hanna were to attend the meeting on 12 December. A draft report was to be circulated after the meeting. There was to be an additional HOSC meeting on 16th January. A community meeting was to be arranged for 11th January. **Action: Clerk**

**7. Reports from HOSC and other meetings**

There was nothing further to report.

**8. Other business**

It was suggested that the Committee moves on to considering Dentistry provision and Mental Health support. A mapping exercise was to be undertaken to understand what local Dentistry provision was available.

**8. Dates of future meetings**

11 January (community meeting) and 22 February 2024.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

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