

HEALTH SELECT COMMITTEE

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE HEALTH SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21 JUNE 2016 AT KENNET ROOM - COUNTY HALL, TROWBRIDGE BA14 8JN.

Present:

Cllr Chuck Berry (Chairman), Cllr Chris Caswill, Cllr Christine Crisp, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr John Knight, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Irene Kohler, Steve Wheeler, Cllr Jon Hubbard (Substitute) and Cllr Graham Wright

Also Present:

Cllr Sheila Parker and Cllr Anna Cuthbert

44 Election of Chairman

Will Oulton, Senior Democratic Services Officer, called for nominations for the position of Chairman.

Councillor Gordon King proposed, subsequently seconded by Councillor Paul Oatway QPM, that Councillor Chuck Berry be appointed Chairman of the Health Select Committee for the ensuing municipal year.

There being no other valid nominations, the Senior Democratic Services Officer announced:

Councillor Chuck Berry was elected Chairman of Health Select for the ensuing municipal year 2016/17.

45 Election of Vice-Chairman

Councillor Chuck Berry called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman.

Councillor Chuck Berry proposed, subsequently seconded by Councillor Christine Crisp that Councillor Gordon King be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Health Select Committee for the ensuing municipal year.

There being no other nominations, it was announced that:

Councillor Gordon King was elected Vice-Chairman of Health Select Committee for the ensuing municipal year 2016/17.

46 **Membership and Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Bob Jones MBE, Mary Champion and John Walsh. It was noted that Councillor Jones was substituted at the meeting by Cllr Jon Hubbard.

It was noted, also, that Cabinet Member had had to tender his apologies for a personal reason.

The Chairman also welcomed Councillor Graham Wright newly a member of the Committee from the Independent Group.

The Chairman announced that, following a review undertaken by himself and the Vice-Chairman, he proposed that the membership of the Committee, specifically the roles of the stakeholders, to improve efficacy and to make clear the delineation of roles and accountabilities.

Following a number of concerns raised by members of the Committee, and after a debate, the meeting;

Resolved

To ask the Chairman to explore the role of the committee's stakeholders further and bring proposals back to the next meeting.

47 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The meeting considered the minutes of the Health Select Committee meeting held on 21 June 2016.

Resolved

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 21 June 2016 for signing.

48 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made.

49 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman drew the meeting's attention to the following announcements:

- a) Change of start time

That due to an urgent meeting of the OS Management Committee beginning at 12.30pm the starting time for this meeting was brought forward by 30 minutes. He apologised for any inconvenience caused.

b) Visit to Wiltshire's Short Breaks service

It was reported to Cabinet in March that the council's Short Break Service had received a 'Good' rating from the CQC. On 14th July Gordon King, Vice-chair of the Committee, would visit the Bradbury House and Avonbourne Care Homes with Cllr Keith Humphries, Cllr Anna Cuthbert and James Cawley, and that he would report back any findings at the next meeting.

c) Big Sing

Steve Wheeler drew attention to an event called the Big Sing 10th July in aid of Water Aid.

50 **Public Participation**

There were no questions or statements from members of the public.

51 **Avon & Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership - Quality Account 2015/16 and CQC inspection May 2016**

Andrew Dean, Director of Nursing, and Moira McMurrin, Business Change Manager from AWP, presented the 2015-16 Quality Accounts.

Issues highlighted in the course of the presentation and discussion included: that the committee had selected mental health as a work priorities; that the Committee would receive the results of the CQC inspection of AWP that is now ongoing; that a new Chief Executive had been appointed; the priority of raising the profile of Mental Health Services; that the initial feedback from the CQC inspection was a significant improvement from inspection 2 years ago; that caring and responsive staff, some areas of best practice had been recognised; the acknowledgment that there was still some work to do, particularly on rapid tranquilisation and risk assessment versus care planning and patient freedom; that AWP had already responded to some issues already; how the level of investment compared to other similar authorities; the work that was required to reduce instances of 'avoidable harm'; and how occupancy of beds could be addressed.

Resolved

- 1. To note the draft Quality Account 2015/16 for Avon & Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership Trust.**
- 2. To note that the committee will consider the outcomes of the CQC inspection of AWP taking place in June at its next meeting on 27**

September. As previously resolved, this will enable the committee to decide whether further joint scrutiny of AWP with other local authorities is appropriate.

- 3. For Avon & Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership Trust's budget figures for the past 2 years (including the current year) to be circulated to the Committee.**

52 Healthwatch Wiltshire Annual Report 2016/17

Emma Cooper, Chief Executive of Healthwatch Wiltshire, presented the Annual Report of Healthwatch Wiltshire to the meeting.

Issues highlighted in the course of the presentation and discussion included: that Healthwatch Wiltshire (HWW) is an independent organisation which has the role

of consumer champion for health and social care; the legal requirement to publish an annual report provides an opportunity to demonstrate to local people, stakeholders, and the Health Select Committee the progress which has been made in 2015/16 and to look forward to 2016/17; that the board of directors are volunteers and some volunteers involved in engagement; e.g. work underway to involve people with learning difficulties and youth in work; the organisations statutory role in relation to sign-posting of information – Your Care Your Support website in particular shortlisted for Public Health Award; that the focus for priorities next year includes children and young people, and working with Area Boards; how Healthwatch can be engaged in the Sustainability and Transformation Plan; getting the balance between critical and friendship. How does Healthwatch critique poor performance; and how Healthwatch can more effectively engage through partnership with pre-existing groups.

Resolved

- 1. To note and comment on the content of the draft Healthwatch Wiltshire's draft Annual Report 2015/16**
- 2. To recognise the progress which has been made during 2015/16 in fulfilling the statutory duties of a local Healthwatch**
- 3. To take up the offer for Healthwatch Wiltshire to share the outcomes from its engagement work as appropriate in the future.**

53 Adult Care Charging Policy

The Chairman invited Sue Geary, Head of Commissioning, Community Services, Adult Care Strategy & Commissioning, to introduce the report. In presenting the report, she tendered the apologies of James Cawley, Associate Director, who was unable to attend due to a personal matter.

Issues highlighted in the course of the presentation included: that Health Select Committee received a report proposing changes to the council's care at home charging policy, pending consultation in April; that Cabinet will receive the results on 19 July and take the final decision; that the Committee had previously expressed some concerns about the number of consultation responses and asked for further details of the consultation responses received at its next meeting; this update included: a summary of the consultation responses received; the results of public engagement by Healthwatch Wiltshire regarding the proposed changes undertaken; and template letters sent to people affected.

In response to a question from Councillor Graham Wright, it was confirmed that around 60 responses had been made to the survey, and only one from a voluntary organisation; officer had hoped that a number of advocacy/voluntary groups would have responded, and that they would be contacting these groups to see why.

Councillor Caswill expressed concern that the letters were difficult to follow and did not outline clearly enough the potential impact on individuals. Furthermore, he questioned how much reliance could be given to the consultation data given the low response.

In response to a question from Councillor Mary Douglas, it was suggested that some people may not feel their benefits should be taken into account, as they felt that those benefits should be used to pay for items other than their social care.

Irene Kohler expressed some concern at the suggestion of further consultation after the implementation of the proposals, as respondents may be even less inclined to respond.

Following a debate, the meeting;

Resolved

- 1. To express concern at the reported level of response to the consultation and ask Cabinet to consider whether it provides a sufficient basis from which to implement changes.**
- 2. If Cabinet implement changes to the charges, to receive an update on their impact, six months after implementation.**

54 Better Outcomes for Adult Care Peer Review - Scoping and timetable

In March the Committee were informed of a forthcoming peer review of Better Outcomes for Adult Care at the Council commencing on 21 June. The Committee requested an initial briefing on this today and an update on the outcomes of the peer review in September 2016.

However, the original date for the peer review had to be changed due to the EU referendum and it will now take place in January or February 2017. The meeting was informed that they will receive an item then and that officers will also look to include scrutiny members in the peer review process itself.

Resolved

To note that the Better Outcomes for Adult Care Peer Review will now take place in January of February 2017 and the committee will receive the outcomes once available.

55 Wiltshire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Programme

Amy McNaughton, Public Health Consultant, presented a report which provided: an overview of the Wiltshire Joint Strategic Assessment (JSA) programme; examples of how JSA data is used to target locally identified healthcare needs including an update on the impact of the Community Area JSA programme; and an update on the proposed timescales for refreshing the JSA programme for Wiltshire.

The report had been requested by the committee in November 2015 when members agreed to consider how partners address healthcare needs identified at a community level.

Issues highlighted in the course of the presentation and discussion included: how the information is collected and kept up to date; the programme of work to disseminate and use the data at a community area level; how the data influenced the work of the council, for example in the Obesity Strategy; and how local communities can balance out the strong quantitative data with qualitative information.

Resolved

- 1. To welcome the overview of the Wiltshire Joint Strategic Assessment (JSA) programme and the examples of how JSA data is used to target locally identified healthcare needs provided.**
- 2. To welcome the update on the proposed timescales for refreshing the JSA programme for Wiltshire.**

56 Executive Response to the Final Report of the Obesity and Child Poverty Task Group

Following the endorsement of the task group's final report at the meeting of the Committee in April, and by Children's Select Committee in May, the Cabinet Member had considered the report and given their response, which was included in the agenda pack.

It was noted that this had already been considered by Children's Select Committee, at its previous meeting, which resolved :

1. *To invite the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Development Management, Strategic Housing, Operational Property and Waste to the next available meeting to discuss the implementation of 400metre prescribed exclusion zones around schools and college campuses; and*
2. *To receive an update in six months' time;*
3. *To recommend that the Obesity and Child Poverty Task Group reconvene to consider and comment on the implementation plan prior to final adoption. (This has now been scheduled for 29 June 2016).*

Cllr Keith Humphries, Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care, had intended to give his response in person but had had to tender his apologies.

Following a short debate, the Health select;

Resolved

1. **To note the executive response to the final report of the Obesity and Child Poverty Task Group.**
2. **To note that when considering the executive response on 31 May 2016, Children's Select Committee resolved:**
 - a. **To invite the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Development Management, Strategic Housing, Operational Property and Waste to the next available meeting to discuss the implementation of 400metre prescribed exclusion zones around schools and college campuses;**
 - b. **To receive an update in six months' time;**
 - c. **To recommend that the Obesity and Child Poverty Task Group reconvene as a rapid scrutiny exercise to consider and comment on the implementation plan prior to final adoption. (This has now been scheduled for 29 April 2016).**

57 **Task Group Update**

A written update on the current task groups was considered by the Committee.

Resolved

To note the update on task group activity provided.

58 Forward Work Programme

The forward work programme was noted.

59 Urgent Items

There were no urgent items.

60 Date of Next Meeting

10.30am, Tuesday 27th September, County Hall

(Duration of meeting: 10.00 am - 12.16 pm)

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