

HEALTH SELECT COMMITTEE

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE HEALTH SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12 JANUARY 2016 AT KENNET ROOM - COUNTY HALL, TROWBRIDGE BA14 8JN.

Present:

Cllr Chuck Berry (Chairman), Cllr Gordon King (Vice Chairman), Cllr Chris Caswill, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Christine Crisp, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr John Knight, Cllr Jeff Osborn, Cllr John Walsh, Diane Gooch, Irene Kohler and Steve Wheeler

1 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Paul Oatway, Cllr Mary Douglas and Cllr Keith Humphries

2 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The meeting considered the minutes of the Health Select Committee meeting held on 17 November 2015.

Resolved

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 17 November for signing.

3 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made.

4 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman made the following announcements:

a) Social care council tax precept

[In the Chancellor's Comprehensive Spending Review](#) (CSR) announcement on 25 November, local councils were given the power to raise social care funding through a new 2% Council Tax precept. The money raised from this

will have to be spent on adult social care and is on top of the existing 2% that local authorities are already allowed to raise council tax levels by.

Members wished to understand how any funds raised through the Levy would be used in Wiltshire.

b) Procurement of Adult Community Health Services

It was noted that the CCG had recently concluded its formal procurement of Adult Community Services (ACS). A briefing note provided by the CCG was included in the Agenda supplement.

The preferred bidder had been identified as Wiltshire Health and Care (WHC); a new joint venture organisation focused solely on community services in Wiltshire. The organisation is a partnership between Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust and Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust.

The single contract will be for 5 years, plus the option of a further two year extension by mutual agreement and will start on 1 July 2016.

A meeting between the Chairman and colleagues at the CCG was currently being arranged to discuss this committee's input going forward.

Following questions from the Committee, Maggie Rae, Corporate Director, stated that the contract had been valued at approximately £45- 50 million; that the procurement exercise was an opportunity to consider the links to AWP and other organisations such as Ambulance.

c) Disposal of AWP's Red Gables site in Trowbridge

At the committee's November meeting the disposal of AWP's Red Gables building in Trowbridge was raised and officers were asked to investigate further. Two emails had been sent to committee members with relevant information, namely:

- That Red Gables was used by AWP as the admin and management base, which will move to Warminster.
- That Red Gables also included rooms for the delivery of services to those with secondary mental health needs. Following the closure of Red Gables, this will be housed in a different property in Trowbridge, while new clinical

rooms are also being investigated in Bradford on Avon and Melksham. This greater geographical spread reflects AWP's shift towards a more localised model, where provision is brought closer to service users rather than being concentrated in a few locations.

- That the change was expected to take place at the end of February and continuity of care for service users will be ensured.

Chair noted that the location of the new facility.

d) RUH Hopper Bus

It was noted that the Wiltshire CCG had confirmed that they would not be providing any funding for this service and that the issues was now being considered by the Cabinet Member who would be making a delegated decision.

e) Public Participation

At the Committee's November meeting Cllr Caswill raised concerns about the limited time allowed for members of the public to submit questions once the committee's agenda has been published.

It was resolved that the issue be referred to the Constitution Focus Group, which considered the matter on 2 December. It resolved to seek the views of Group Leaders on this before considering a recommendation to the Standards Committee. The issue will be on the agenda for the Group Leader's next meeting in the New Year, with a report coming back to the Constitution Focus Group in February.

The Chairman stated that that he had never restricted public participation.

f) Announcement from Irene Kohler of SWAN Advocacy on Swan's application to Big Lottery to support their work with people with dementia

Irene Kohler announced that SWAN Advocacy had successfully secured Big Lottery funding for a programme to engage with people with dementia across Wiltshire, Somerset and Bath from April.

It was noted that SWAN had not been awarded a 3 year contract in Wiltshire, which Ms Kohler expressed some disappointment about, and that she expected to hear from CCG as to the future. She emphasised the need and importance of

advocacy in preventing crises, and that she wanted to increase work with those who don't meet statutory threshold.

Cllr John Walsh commended the value of the support SWAN provided.

5 Public Participation

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

6 Developing the Forward Work Programme

The Chairman presented the report which presented the developed list of workplan items for consideration by the Committee.

The committee was asked to agree that the chairman and vice-chair would meet with colleagues and partners to discuss how to approach the topics listed and following this bring a revised forward work programme to the committee's next meeting on 8 March.

The Chairman, in response to a comment made, agreed that briefing meetings should influence the formal workplan items.

The Chairman also agreed, in response to an issues raised by Cllr Chris Caswill, that an interim report be presented to the Committee from the Better Care Task Group.

Resolved

- 1. To approve the longlist of work priorities, reflecting the additions and amendments agreed by the committee, and for these to be circulated to members following the meeting.**
- 2. The Chairman and Vice-chairman to meet with colleagues and partners to discuss the agreed work priorities, with updates and a revised forward work programme being brought to the committee's next meeting on 8 March.**

7 NHS Health Checks Update

The meeting considered the report which provided an update on the NHS Health Checks Programme commissioned by Public Health and delivered by Primary Care. The report was presented by John Goodall from Public Health, Wiltshire Council.

Issues highlighted in the course of the presentation and discussion included: that the Health and Social Care Act (2012) gave Councils a statutory responsibility for improving and protecting the health of their local populations with the NHS Health; that the aim is to deliver a tailored package of healthy lifestyle interventions to improve health and wellbeing and reduce risk of cardiovascular disease; that the service is commissioned through GPs, for those not already registered with cardiovascular problems; how local information and resources are tailored; how action and advice is tailored according to risk factors; the focus on prevention; that uptake is less than 50% of those eligible, which is in line with the national picture; that some practices do better than others in getting attendance; how pilot schemes were used to learn from best practice; how the media are used to improve awareness; how the figures are analysed by cluster; how previously questions raised by the Committee had been considered; that a further report on outcomes should be able to be shared with the Committee, if suitably anonymised; how poorer performance from some GPs could be understood and addressed; the impact of demographic factors on take up of the service e.g. fewer men than women will take up offer.

In response to a question from the Chairman, John Goodall stated that measures such as using telephone reminders, and offering appointments at convenient times in the evening can improve take up. It was noted that Practices are only paid on delivery – e.g. for each completed healthcheck.

In response to a question from Cllr Jeff Osborn, John Goodall stated that some practices had chosen not to provide the healthcheck service. It was noted that, nationally, some senior GP bodies have expressed disquiet on the programme, for example with regards to additional workload in an era of decreasing GP numbers.

The Chairman commended the report and hoped to look into this in greater depth in future.

Resolved

- 1. To note the update on the NHS Health Checks programme provided.**
- 2. To note that under the previous item the committee resolved to explore further work on the NHS Health Check programme.**

The meeting considered the report which detailed the responses to report of the joint AWP working group jointly established by four local authorities to look at AWP's response to the CQC inspection carried out in June 2014. It was noted that the other authorities taking part were Bath & North East Somerset Council, Bristol City Council and North Somerset District Council, and that in November recommendations from the working group's final report were endorsed by the committee and referred to the Cabinet Member for Health, Wiltshire CCG and the Health and Wellbeing Board for response.

The main agenda pack included a letter of response from the CCG, the Agenda supplement included the cabinet member response and a summary of what the other local authorities have done with the report in terms of approval so far.

Cllr Chris Caswill, a member of the Task Group, noted the challenge of getting the other authorities involved in the review. He stated that he remained concerned about the future challenges that the AWP would be facing.

James Cawley mentioned that the CQC was due to re-inspect the AWP soon, and that a further report could be published thereafter. It was noted that North Somerset commissioned on behalf all the CCGs, and that Wiltshire Council did not commission services directly.

Resolved

- 1. To note the responses to the Final Report of the Joint AWP Working Group provided by the Cabinet Member and CCG.**
- 2. To note progress so far with the three other participating local authorities considering and endorsing the report.**
- 3. To receive an update on the views of the other participating local authorities regarding the recommendation that further joint scrutiny work on this topic is undertaken.**

9 Task Group Update

The meeting considered the report which provided an update on Task Group activity since the Committee's last meeting.

Written updates were provided on:

- **Better Care Plan Task Group** (chaired by Cllr John Walsh)

Cllr Walsh noted that it was a complex issue for members to fully understand, and that he would be pleased to bring the interim report to the next meeting. Cllr Chris Caswill and Jeff Osborn raised concerns that the relationships between the CCGs and Wiltshire Council should be made more transparent.

- **Obesity and Child Poverty Task Group** (chaired by Cllr Pat Aves)

There were no questions on the update.

Resolved

1. **To note the update on Task Group activity provided.**
2. **To ask the Better Care Plan Task Group to bring an interim report to the committee so that members remain informed about this major area of work and to invite relevant partners to attend the meeting to contribute to the discussion.**

10 **Forward Work Programme**

The Chairman noted that the draft Forward Work Programme would be developed following meetings with key colleagues, and a more developed version would be presented to the next meeting.

Resolved

To note the forward work programme.

11 **Urgent Items**

There were no urgent items.

12 **Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting would at 10.30am, Tuesday 8 March 2016.

(Duration of meeting: 10.30 am - 1.21 pm)

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