

## BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

### HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE O&S COMMITTEE

**1000 hours on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019, Committee Room 3 & 4 – Actions**

**Present:**

Councillor Rob Pocock (Chair)

Councillors: Mick Brown, Diane Donaldson, Peter Fowler, Mohammed Idrees, Ziaul Islam, Zaheer Khan and Paul Tilsley.

**Also Present:**

Neelam Heera, Founder of Cysters

Kally Judge, Commissioning Engagement Manager, Sandwell & West Birmingham CCG

Rose Kiely, Overview & Scrutiny Manager, Scrutiny Office

Angela Poulton, Deputy Chief Officer, Strategic Commission and Redesign, SWBCCG

Gail Sadler, Scrutiny Officer, Scrutiny Office

Dr Ian Sykes, Clinical Lead, SWBCCG

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#### **1. NOTICE OF RECORDING**

The Chairman advised that this meeting would be webcast for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's Internet site (which could be accessed at "[www.civico.net/birmingham](http://www.civico.net/birmingham)") and members of the press/public may record and take photographs.

The whole of the meeting would be filmed except where there were confidential or exempt items.

#### **2. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE AND CHAIRMAN**

**RESOLVED:**

Members' noted the resolution of the City Council appointing the Committee, Chair and Members to serve on the Committee for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the City Council 2020.

#### **3. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR**

**RESOLVED:**

Councillor Mick Brown was elected as Deputy Chair to substitute for the Chair if absent.

#### **4. APOLOGIES**

None.

## 5. ACTION NOTES/ISSUES ARISING

The action notes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019 were agreed.

The following matters have arisen since the committee last met:

- Enablement Call-In Report

The Chair referred to the Cabinet report on the future of the Enablement Service that was called-in by the committee on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019. A report detailing the committee's views was sent to the Executive for a response. The Executive accepted all of the resolutions put forward and withdrew the report. The Chair was given the opportunity to present the HOSC's call-in report to Cabinet on 22<sup>nd</sup> May. At that meeting, a new report with proposals for the Enablement Service was put forward by the Executive which recommended that "a review of enablement provision in BCC should be commissioned, led by Overview and Scrutiny and/or an independent party". A draft proposed Terms of Reference for the review will be put forward by the Scrutiny Office for consideration to the July HOSC.

- Mental Health Strategy

Joanne Carney (Associate Director of Joint Commissioning, BSol CCG) has provided the information on:-

- Dashboard indicators/data which underpin the 7 outcomes in the strategy.
- Information on children living in poverty in the City.

The data was emailed to members on 21<sup>st</sup> May and will also be forwarded to new members of the committee for information.

- Adult Social Care Draft Day Opportunities Strategy

The consultation period timeline has been extended from 6<sup>th</sup> July to 4<sup>th</sup> August 2019. This is because a challenge was put forward by a law firm, on behalf of carers, that information presented in the documentation was incomplete. The Council accepted the criticism and this has now been rectified.

A copy of the strategy will be forwarded to new members of the committee.

Any further comments that members wish to be included in the consultation response from HOSC should be forwarded to the Scrutiny Officers before the end of June.

Maria Gavin is still to forward information on the direct payments system which will be circulated upon receipt.

The committee agreed that they would like to take up the offer of visiting a Day Centre(s). The Scrutiny Officers will contact Maria Gavin to arrange a suitable date.

## 6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

## 7. TERMS OF REFERENCE

To fulfil the functions of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as they relate to any policies, services and activities concerning adult safeguarding, social care and public health; and to discharge the relevant overview and scrutiny role set out in the National Health Service Act 2006 as amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012, including:

- The appointment of Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committees with neighbouring authorities; and
- The exercise of the power to make referrals of contested service reconfigurations to the Secretary of State as previously delegated to the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee by the Council.

### **RESOLVED:**

Noted.

## 8. JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES – APPOINTMENTS

### Birmingham and Sandwell Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

(5 Members)

Labour (3); Conservative (1); Liberal Democrat (1)

#### Labour

Councillor Rob Pocock

Councillor Mick Brown

Councillor Ziaul Islam

#### Conservative

Councillor Peter Fowler

#### Liberal Democrat

Councillor Paul Tilsley

### Birmingham and Solihull Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

(5 Members)

Labour (3); Conservative (1); Liberal Democrat (1)

#### Labour

Councillor Rob Pocock

Councillor Diane Donaldson

Councillor Zaheer Khan

#### Conservative

Councillor Peter Fowler

#### Liberal Democrat

Councillor Paul Tilsley

### **RESOLVED:**

The Committee agreed to the appointments to the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees including Councillor Rob Pocock as Joint Chair.

## **9. MINOR SURGERY AND NON OBSTETRIC ULTRASOUND SERVICES (NOUS) LISTENING EXERCISE**

Dr Ian Sykes (Clinical Lead, Sandwell and West Birmingham CCG); Angela Poulton (Deputy Chief Officer, Strategic Commissioning and Design, SWBCCG) and Kally Judge (Commissioning Engagement Manager, SWBCCG) attended the meeting to engage with members about proposals for the future provision of minor surgery and non-obstetric ultrasound services in Sandwell and West Birmingham.

In discussion, and in response to Members' questions, the following were among the main points raised:

- The potential advantage, through the Primary Care Networks, will allow single handed practices to come together to share services with other practices e.g. minor surgery.
- The reason given for Health Harmonies terminating the NOUS contract is that it was not in their strategic plan to continue providing this service.
- The three public meetings were advertised using the CCG patient/stakeholder list. Each patient was notified via a letter to make them aware of the public meetings. They were also advertised on the CCG website, social media and partner organisations have hosted the information on their websites. Promotion through the current provider was being picked up by the Contracts Team.
- For non-English speaking citizens, a translator can be provided at public meetings but must be booked in advance. Literature produced in different languages is always available on request.
- Going forward looking to establish a universal practice which is more patient focussed. Minor surgery performed in patients own practice or in a place that is local and the patient is familiar with.
- At the first public meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> June 12 people attended. Some of the themes coming out of the exercise were flexibility in accessing appointments e.g. day/evening; having choice of venue; being care friendly etc.
- It is vital for the NHS to encourage patients to self-help e.g. through the 111 services, CCG and through practice websites which have information about self-care.
- The findings of the exercise will be presented to the Service Redesign Committee in July for ratification and a copy of the report will then be forwarded to the Scrutiny Officers for circulation to members.
- Indirectly, it could be possible for the Primary Care Networks, in conjunction with the Care Alliance, to commission Health Harmonie to provide services if they so wished.
- No practices within the Primary Care Network would be more than 3-4 miles apart and very little crossover between Local Authority boundaries.

- Primary Care Networks are about likeminded practices working together but also ensuring they have an appropriate geographical and local authority based co-terminosity.
- Discussions taking place with Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals to provide both minor surgery and NOUS services on an interim arrangement when the contract ceases with Health Harmonies in July. Reassurance was given that no service will cease until an alternative was in place.

**RESOLVED:**

- Information regarding the number of single-handed practices remaining in the West Birmingham locality to be forwarded to the Scrutiny Officers.
- Scrutiny Officers to provide a list of City Councillors of the Perry Barr and Ladywood Wards that fall within the West Birmingham area to the Engagement Manager to circulate the information on service changes.
- Engagement Officer (SWBCCG) to liaise with Scrutiny Officers to schedule an update report to the next Birmingham/Sandwell JHOSC.

**10. PERIOD POVERTY: EVIDENCE GATHERING**

Neelam Heera (Founder of the charitable organisation Cysters) presented a comprehensive submission to the inquiry which set out the work being undertaken to tackle period poverty through their project 'Our Cysters'.

In discussion, and in response to Members' questions, the following were among the main points raised:

- Cysters has written to the major supermarkets to ask for donations but only Sainsbury's provides products on a regular basis. They also receive donations from a national organisation called Hey Girls.
- TV advertisements for sanitary products are now the norm but young girls still find the subject embarrassing. It was suggested that this may be because younger people tend to watch programmes through streaming which cut out the adverts. Cysters uses Instagram to promote reusable products and donation drives which is more appealing to the younger audience.
- BCC should work more closely with schools to educate students about period poverty on the following issues:-
  - Raising awareness/taking away the stigma.
  - The products available/disposal of sanitary items.
  - The environment – environmentally friendly products.
- One of the projects Cysters would like to undertake is making their own products but this would require a lot of grant funding.
- Donor fatigue is an issue. A lot of products are donated at the beginning of the year but this dwindles towards the end of the year.

- Cysters work with other charities to provide products for distribution to homeless individuals.
- Members requested that they would like to be sent links to Cysters via Facebook/Twitter in order to promote the organisation in their Wards.
- Cysters would like BCC to support their applications for Lottery funding etc.
- In Birmingham there are a lot of small organisations doing similar work. Going forward there needs to be more joined up thinking around this issue.
- Currently, Cysters volunteers store products in their own homes. Ideally, they require a central hub within Birmingham to store products but are not in a position to pay the large fees that are being sought by corporate organisations.

**RESOLVED:**

- Neelam Heera will provide:-
  - Statistical information.
  - Links to Cysters via Facebook/Twitter to be circulated to members.

**11. WORK PROGRAMME – JUNE 2019**

The work programme was noted.

Period Poverty Inquiry

Further evidence will be received at the next HOSC meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

Enablement Review

HOSC will carry out a review of the future of the Enablement Service over two sessions on 6<sup>th</sup> August and 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 with a report being presented to Cabinet in October/November 2019.

A draft terms of reference/scoping paper will be presented to the 16<sup>th</sup> July meeting.

Specialist Pancreatic and Liver Services University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire and UHB

Information is required on the amalgamation/transfer of services across hospital sites and the implications for both Birmingham and Coventry.

Specialist Services

A briefing from commissioners/providers setting out what specialist services are provided within the West Midlands conurbation.

## 12. DATES OF MEETINGS

### **RESOLVED:**

- The Committee agreed that meetings should be held at 1000 hours on the following Tuesdays in the Council House:-

<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
18 June	21 January
16 July	18 February
6 August	17 March
3 September	21 April
17 September	19 May
15 October	
19 November	
17 December	
- The Committee also approved Tuesdays at 1000am hours as a suitable day and time each week for any additional meetings required to consider 'requests for call in' which may be lodged in respect of Executive decisions.

## 13. REQUEST(S) FOR CALL IN/COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION/PETITIONS RECEIVED (IF ANY)

None.

## 14. OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

None.

## 15. AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS

### **RESOLVED:-**

That in an urgent situation between meetings the Chair, jointly with the relevant Chief Officer, has authority to act on behalf of the Committee.

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The meeting ended at 1155 hours.