

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE O&S COMMITTEE

1000 hours on 17th December 2019, Committee Room 6 – Actions

Present:

Councillor Rob Pocock (Chair), Mick Brown, Peter Fowler, Mohammed Idrees, Ziaul Islam, Zaheer Khan and Paul Tilsley.

Also Present:

Professor Graeme Betts, Director of Adult Social Care

Andy Cave, Chief Executive Officer, Healthwatch Birmingham

Councillor Paulette Hamilton, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care

Rose Kiely, Overview & Scrutiny Manager, Scrutiny Office

Gail Sadler, Scrutiny Officer

Dr Justin Varney, Director of Public Health

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") 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. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. APOLOGIES

Councillor Diane Donaldson.

4. ACTION NOTES/ISSUES ARISING

The action notes of the meeting held on 19th November 2019 were agreed.

The following matters have arisen since the committee last met:

- The Day Opportunities Strategy – the informal briefing for this committee, originally scheduled to take place on 28th November, has now been rearranged to take place on 21st January before it is presented to Cabinet on 11th February 2020.

- The Birmingham STP and West Birmingham – The Chairman confirmed that he had met with Rebecca Farmer, NHS England and NHS Improvement, to discuss the committee's position regarding West Birmingham and the work that had commenced on merging the 4 Black Country CCGs into a single CCG. In this regard, the Chairman was told that stakeholder consultation would take place in Spring 2020.
- Early Intervention – The Chairman and Councillor Peter Fowler had attended the One Team One City event held on 28th November 2019 which was very informative. Therefore, a report on the Early Intervention Programme will be presented to this committee at the 21st January 2020 meeting.

5. NHS LONG TERM LOCAL PLAN – HEALTHWATCH BIRMINGHAM

Andy Cave (Chief Executive Officer, Healthwatch Birmingham) gave an overview of the key findings of a report from Healthwatch Birmingham and Healthwatch Solihull to engage with patients, the public and stakeholders on the content of the NHS Long Term Plan. This engagement would help the local Sustainability and Transformation Partnership develop strategic plans to improve the level of care provision throughout the life cycle.

Andy confirmed that a further piece of work would be undertaken to see how this report had influenced the local NHS Long Term Plan.

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

- How did the number of 694 respondents to the survey compare with other core cities?
- Local organisations identified individuals to take part in Focus Groups. The best attended was the physical disabilities group.
- It was a national questionnaire which was not translated into other languages, but interpreters were provided where needed.
- Promoting healthy eating and increasing physical activity are priority issues for the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- In the breakdown of people surveyed 52% had a mental health problem. The mental health budget is disproportionate to the demand as only circa 10% of the health budget is spent on mental health.
- For the public to accept social prescribing there needs to be more communication and support to use the service.

RESOLVED:

- Andy to provide a response on the number of respondents to the survey compared with other core cities.

6. BUDGET CONSULTATION 2020+

Councillor Paulette Hamilton (Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care); Professor Graeme Betts (Director of Adult Social Care) and Dr Justin Varney (Director of Public

Health) presented an overview of the budget for Adult Social Care and Public Health as there were no new budget savings proposals in the 2020+ budget consultation.

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

- Members noted that the ASC budget had been adjusted to account for the changes in the way corporate recharges are loaded into service budgets. The Public Health budget continues to include an element assigned for adult social care services, and this was being retained while discussions continue with Government over the long-term future of the annual social care precept within the Council Tax.
- No specific service changes this year but last year proposal not to continue the HIV/TB Support Service. Provision will continue until the end of this year to support training/transition. Money has also been kept back for next year to continue training.
- Central Government provide a grant for adaptations, but this has been under enormous pressure. Increased expenditure on major/minor adaptations, equipment and assistive technology to expand and enhance the service.
- Healthy Eating – the Health and Wellbeing Board have created a sub-forum Creating a Healthy City with a dedicated budget to work on the food environment. Also working with the Planning Department to create a Healthy City Planning Tool.

RESOLVED:

- Further information is required on: -
 - How much is the adaptations budget?
 - Trends of adaptations carried out over a 5-year period.

7. PUBLIC HEALTH GRANT BUDGET UPDATE

Dr Justin Varney (Director of Public Health) presented the report which set out the reprofiling of the public health grant budget in line with previous Cabinet decisions regarding contract variations and addressing capacity issues within the specialist team to ensure the Council can meet its statutory public health responsibilities.

Dr Varney explained that over 5 years the grant had been reduced by £10m but work had been carried out with providers to ensure that the grant reduction minimised the impact on frontline provision.

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

- The public health budget is not raised through Council Tax but is government funded.
- The budget line on Public Health Division Running Costs (Equipment/Licences) has reduced significantly due to work undertaken to identify inefficiencies.

- The Corporate and Other Services Recharges has been rebalanced following a wider piece of work across the Council.
- The increase in staff costs will cover the following roles: -
 - 2 Interim roles – Obesity; and Health in the Workplace
 - 2 roles – Pathways to work
 - Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Team – provide information at Ward/Sub level.
 - Health Protection – this is a statutory duty.
 - Early Years Contracting.
 - Enhanced Community Support.
- Conscious that pressure on next year's budget might come from the closure of the NHS England trial for HIV prevention.

RESOLVED:

- Members were requested to look through the contract overview that had been provided and report back on any gaps in information they wished to receive.

8. WORK PROGRAMME – DECEMBER 2019

The work programme was noted.

- The rescheduled In-House Enablement Service Review evidence gathering session will take place on Tuesday 11th February 2020.
- An item on Creating a Healthy Food Environment to be added to the work programme for next year.

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

None.

10. OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

None.

11. 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.

The meeting ended at 1200 hours.