

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE O&S COMMITTEE

PUBLIC MEETING

**Tuesday 4th July 2023. Committee Rooms 3 & 4,
Council House, Victoria Square
Minutes.**

Present

Councillor Mick Brown (Chair)

Councillors Gareth Moore, Julian Pritchard, Kath Hartley, Shabina Bano, Rob Pocock and Paul Tilsley

Also Present:

Professor Graeme Betts CBE, Director, Adult and Social Care Directorate

Mike Walsh, Head of Service Commissioning, Adult and Social Care Directorate

Fiona Bottrill, Senior Overview and Scrutiny Manager

Adewale Fashade, Interim Scrutiny Officer

1. NOTICE OF RECORDING/WEBCAST

The Chair advised that the meeting would be webcast for live or subsequent broadcast via the council's Public-I microsite. Members of the press/public may record and take photographs except where there were confidential or exempt items.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Councillor Amar Khan

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Gareth Moore declared a non-pecuniary interest as trustee of Birmingham LGBT and Citizens Advice.

4. MEMBERSHIP OF THE HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Committee members noted the resolution of the City Council meeting following changes to membership to service on the Committee to the period ending with the Annual Meeting of City Council 2024:

Councillor Amar Khan and Shabina Bano to replace Councillors Jane Jones and Kirsten Kurt-Elli.

5. MINUTES – 6TH JUNE 2023.

The minutes of the last Health & Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee were approved by members to be correct record of the meeting.

6. HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ACTION TRACKER.

The Interim Scrutiny Officer informed members that all outstanding actions from the Action Tracker from the last meeting are now complete.

RESOLVED

That the Committee note completion of actions from the previous Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- Healthwatch reports on [access to Dentistry and Maternity Services](#) and [Healthwatch Maternity Services report](#) were circulated to the Committee on 6th June 2023.
- Health [Prostate Cancer survey](#) circulated 6th June 2023
- Birmingham [Healthwatch Annual Report 22/23](#) published 29th June has been circulated to members.

7. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE JOINT HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES (JHOSC).

Members noted the Labour councillor vacancies (one on each Committee) that has arisen on both the Joint Birmingham & Solihull and the Joint Sandwell Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committees. The following appointment for the Birmingham and Solihull JHOSC was agreed:

- **Birmingham and Solihull Joint HOSC:** - Councillor Shabina Bano (Labour).
- For **Birmingham and Sandwell Joint HOSC:** - Appointment to be carried forward and agreed under Chair's Authority to Act if not appointed by the end of this meeting.
- Meeting date for the Birmingham and Solihull Joint HOSC is scheduled Tuesday 25th July.

RESOLVED:

- That the Committee note and agree the appointment of above-named Birmingham City Council member for the Birmingham and Solihull Joint HOSC.

8. INTEGRATED CARE SYSTEM GOVERNANCE: PLACE COMMITTEE AND DECISION-MAKING POWERS

Professor Graeme Betts, Strategic Director for Adult and Social Care and Mike Walsh, Head of Commissioning Services, introduced the report and presentation on the Governance arrangements for the Integrated Care Services (ICS) and the role and responsibilities of the Birmingham Place Committees. Key highlights are:

- Birmingham Place Committee is a sub-committee of the Integrated Care Board (ICB) with responsibility for driving collaboration and integrated delivery at the Birmingham Place level.
- Place Committees have a key role in influencing ICB priorities and enhancing community-led engagement. Subsidiarity (taking decisions as locally as possible) is one of the principles for the ICS.
- Place Committees meet bi-monthly and is chaired by Professor Betts. David Melbourne, CEO, ICB is vice-chair. Membership is made up of representatives from ICS system partners.
- Key area of focus for Place Committees is developing localities and partnerships (NHS organisations, social care, public health, third sector partners and citizens) involved in ensuring delivery of health and social care priorities for the people of Birmingham.
- Another focus for Birmingham Place Committees is to work towards joint commissioning for more effective use of resources in achieving better outcomes.
- The LGA have been working with the Birmingham Place Committee to help develop a roadmap for engagement, and to support locality partnerships arrangements.

The following are among the main points made in response to Members' questions:

- Primary Care Networks (PCNs) provide a way of ensuring effective connections in neighbourhoods. Some PCNs fit better geographically than others. The aim is to ensure services are joined-up as best as possible at local level. Currently working with the LGA on developing engagement mechanisms to improve the current model.
- The ward forums in existence across Birmingham can be useful help bring PCNs together at local level. The ward forums can also be a conduit for bringing elected members, ICS, and other key partners together to highlight the work of the Place Committee
- Birmingham Community Healthcare Trust (BCHT) is the lead Community Integrator commissioned by the ICB to lead on the development of a Community Care Collaborative to integrate health and social care services in the community. BCHC are due to present a report to the ICB soon detailing roadmaps and options for the Community Integrator model. A copy will be shared with Committee members.

- The Fairer Futures Fund is available to support local partners and their involvement in ensuring delivery of outcomes.
- NHS as lead partner have been clear about where members can be engaged in the overall ICS system and there has been member engagement at partnership levels. Below this level is the delivery mechanism and this consist of officers.
- In terms of management expertise on the localities, senior social care managers are allocated to the neighbourhood integrated teams. It is hoped they will be proactive in areas of early interventions and prevention.
- There is a strategic approach been developed on how the ICS works at local levels to achieve better outcomes. Neighbourhood teams have been sharing relevant data across agencies on use of services to help identify how BCC better respond to demand at local level.
- In relation to subsidiaries, work is ongoing towards power being devolved to local level, though this may take some time.
- The LGA report on its work with the ICB on engagement will be shared with the Committee when published.
- An opportunity for HASC Committee members to visit a neighbourhood team in September can be arranged as required.
- In terms of addressing inequalities, the localities will have influence on how the Fairer Futures fund can be targeted to address inequalities in a targeted way to ensure impact is more measurable.
- Budgets will be allocated across all local partnerships. However, timescales for this and how the budgets will be devolved is still being explored.

RESOLVED

That the Committee note the report and points raised above. Recommendations from member discussion will be summarised by Scrutiny officers for action to be monitored via the Action Tracker.

9. CARE QUALITY COMMISSION (CQC) PILOT INSPECTIONS PROCESS AND PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

Professor Graeme Betts, on behalf of Maria Gavin, Assistant Director, Adult Social Services (unable to attend due to annual leave), delivered a presentation on the process in preparing for the inspection, including an overview of the performance information that will be reported to the CQC. Key points from the presentation are:

- Context of inspection process is the Adult Social Care reforms and the Health and Social Care Act.
- 4 key themes to be covered in inspection: *Working with people; Providing Support; Ensuring Safety and Leadership.*
- 5 pilots; Birmingham, Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire, North Lincolnshire, and Suffolk. Lincolnshire is the first pilot inspection in the country. Its assessment begun yesterday (3rd July)

- 48 categories of data to be provided as evidence base.
- Inspection will look at what was started from the last 6 years, where the service is now and where it is going in the future.
- Sites visits will begin on 14th August with meetings with senior staff of the Adult and Social Care Directorate and the staff teams, as well as partners such as Healthwatch, Integrated Care Partnership Chair, and User-led Support groups.
- Staff teams are being supported in preparation for the inspection with refresher training on the Care Act and mock CQC inspections and interviews. There has been positive staff engagement on the inspection process.

In response to members' questions these were the key points highlighted:

- There is no dispensation just because BCC is a pilot, but they will bear in mind in the process that BCC is helping them out as a pilot. The service will be robustly assessed.
- We are in discussion with CQC on dates for them to meet with key people in the council, bearing in mind the August holiday season. We will be imploring on them the importance of engaging with representative groups and elected members.
- The self-assessment, including the over 300 documents submitted, will be very comprehensive.
- The inspection provides opportunity for learning for both sides (CQC and Local Authority). The super-diversity of the city will be taken into consideration in the inspection process.
- There has been significant improvement in partnership working since 2017.
- The report will be published October/November. Initial feedback on the process will be within a fortnight. However, due to this being a pilot we are unsure whether CQC will make report public. Discussions will be held with CQC on this.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee notes the report. CQC recommendations from the inspection process will be reported to the Committee in due course.

10. HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME FOR YEAR 2023/24

(Chair's notice to Committee members: Prior to discussion on Item 10, the Chair verbally noted for urgent information in the meeting, the Equal Pay announcement last week. The implications of this are being worked through. The announcement explained that the Chief Executive is leading work on the Budget Recovery Plan and spending controls. While it is not clear at this stage how this will affect council services, this is something

that the Committee will want to review at future meetings to understand the implications for Adult Social Care).

The Overview and Scrutiny Manager presented an update report on the proposed work programme for the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2023-24, based on discussion at the Committee's meeting in June. Key proposals made are:

- To look at the work programme issues on a three-monthly basis as we go through over the year, and review which issues to follow-up at each meeting after three months. This will improve how we monitor, measure and populate the outcomes column of the Work Programme.
- In July and September, there will be two Task and Finish Group meetings. Dates to be confirmed.
- Signing off the Children & Young People Mental health enquiry by October for submission at November's full Council meeting
- Link to the Forward Plan included in the report for the committee to be aware of cabinet decisions coming through.
- For September, Task and Finish Group sign off. Also, Committee will receive the BLACHIR (Birmingham and Lewisham African and Caribbean Health Inequalities Report)
- Officers will work with NHS Colleagues for external partner providers to attend either the HASC or JHOSC as appropriate, to provide information on their work across the Health and Social Care sector.
- Proposal for Committee members' visit to one of the integrated neighbourhood teams after the September meeting.
- In October, to look at the Day Opportunities report before cabinet decision is made. Also in October, members may want to receive recommendations from the Commonwealth Legacy report
- For November, Committee may want to receive initial scoping work on Access to Dental Services to consider for future scrutiny work.
- Later in the Municipal year, the Committee may want to look at the Commissioning services such as the sexual health service contract due for extension and to be discussed at Cabinet later this month. Scrutiny officers will look at issues raised at a previous meeting last year when the sexual health services report was presented to the Committee, and feed these back to the recommissioning process to be considered. The Substance misuse services is due for possible extension in 2025. Committee may want to look at this in the near future.
- JHOSC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 25th July
- Any comments from members on issues to consider for November onwards will be welcomed by Scrutiny Officers, in the next couple of weeks. For example,

there may be feedback on CQC inspections to consider. Also, engagement with third-sector providers may be another issue to look at.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee:

- Notes the information set out in Appendix 1 and identifies if any further topics need to be added to the menu of topics for the Committee to explore over the coming year.
- Agrees, subject to further input from the Chair and Deputy Chair, the issues proposed for consideration during September – October 2023, the proposed aims and objectives and the preferred method of scrutiny.
- Identifies, subject to further input from the Chair and Deputy Chair, the issues that the Committee will consider in November 2023, the proposed aims and objectives and the preferred method of scrutiny.

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

None.

12. OTHER URGENT BUSINESS.

None.

13. AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS

RESOLVED: -

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

The Birmingham/Sandwell JHOSC membership outstanding appointment will be reported at a future meeting.

The meeting ended at 11.49 hours.