

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE O&S COMMITTEE

1000 hours on 20th November 2018, Committee Room 3 & 4 – Actions

Present:

Councillor Rob Pocock (Chair)

Councillors Nicky Brennan, Peter Fowler, Ziaul Islam and Paul Tilsley.

Also Present:

Councillor Paulette Hamilton, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care

Professor Graeme Betts, Interim Corporate Director Adult Social Care and Health

Becky Pollard, Interim Director of Public Health, BCC

Sian Warmer, Service Manager, Change Grow Live (CGL)

Dr Adarsh Ramegowda, Consultant Psychiatrist, CGL

Max Vaughan, Head of Service, Universal & Prevention Services, Adult Social Care and Health

Cherry Dale, Independent Chair of the Birmingham Safeguarding Adults Board

Michael Walsh, Service Lead, Commissioning, Adult Social Care and Health

Rose Kiely, Overview & Scrutiny Manager, Scrutiny Office

Gail Sadler, Scrutiny Officer, Scrutiny Office

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. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Mick Brown, Chauhdry Rashid and Suzanne Webb.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were reminded that they must declare all relevant pecuniary interests and non-pecuniary interests relating to any items of business to be discussed at the meeting. If a pecuniary interest is declared a Member must not speak to take part in

that agenda item. Any declarations will be recorded in the action notes of the meeting.

No declarations were received.

STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The following statement was read out by the Chairman:-

“The Day Opportunities Strategy, which we did originally have scheduled for today, is now the subject of an on-going judicial review. Birmingham City Council has not yet formally responded to the proceedings and is taking legal advice on the response. As such I have taken the decision to withdraw the item from today’s agenda and, what we will do is bring this item back in December.”

The Chairman assured the committee that all the information held in relation to adult day opportunities will be presented publically at the December meeting. He said the work of the committee is to scrutinize the work of the Council and there is a legal duty to do this.

4. ACTION NOTES/ISSUES ARISING

The action notes of the meeting held on 16th October 2018 were agreed.

Since our last meeting a couple of issues have arisen:

- It was agreed at the last meeting that a letter should be sent to NHS England requesting that steps should be taken to resolve the issue concerning the CCG boundaries and the consequential impact on the STP as a matter of priority. The Chairman confirmed that a response had been received from NHS England and a meeting between all relevant bodies will take place on the 5th December to discuss the proposal.
- Full Council had adopted a motion regarding the Suicide Prevention Action Plan which called upon the Executive to bring an area action plan back to full Council for formal adoption and debate. Once adopted, this committee has been asked to track progress against the Action Plan and report back to full Council if it believes necessary to provide an update.

5. CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE UPDATE REPORT

Councillor Paulette Hamilton (Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care) presented a report which set out the portfolio priorities and provided an update on key areas of work undertaken since last reporting to the committee in November 2017.

The Cabinet Member highlighted three specific areas within the report where significant progress has been made:-

- Partnership Working
 - There had been substantial developments in partnership working with local health bodies through the Birmingham and Solihull Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP).

- The Ageing Well Programme, which is one of the four strands in the STP, which came about in response to the Care Quality Commission (CQC) local system review and is focussed on delivering improvements for older people.
- The three work streams within the programme:
 - Prevention
 - Early Intervention
 - On-going personalised support

- Health and Wellbeing Board

The Cabinet Member was candid in setting out the difficulties that the Board had faced in previous years due to a lack of guidance and the statutory powers not being clear which is a problem that has been replicated by many Health and Wellbeing Boards across the country. To make improvements the Cabinet Member, with the support of the LGA, has now:-

- Increased the frequency of the meetings
- Held development sessions
- Increased the membership of the Board
- Appointed a new Vice-Chair, Dr Peter Ingham, who is also Vice-Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board in Solihull.

The Cabinet Member raised a concern around the level of support for the Health and Wellbeing Board which she hopes to address in the forthcoming year.

- Public Health

- The Cabinet Member was delighted with the progress made in Public Health and thanked the Interim Director of Public Health and her team referring to the recently launched Director of Public Health Annual Report 2018 'Fulfilling Lives for Under Fives'.
- Improvements continue to be made to address the issues raised in the CQC report with the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JNSA).
- Have re-designed the Public Health website to make it easier to navigate.
- Now looking at place based intelligence and have developed District Health Profiles which were launched in January.
- Established an Older Adults JNSA Sub-Group to identify key issues from across the health and wellbeing system to be included in the Birmingham's Older Adults JNSA webpages.

In response to the report, the following questions/comments were put to the Cabinet Member:-

- Referring to sections 3.10 Learning Disability and 3.11 Mental Health – How many out of area placements do we currently have?

- Funding for the Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust to reduce waiting times to access mental health services.
- Delayed Transfers of Care – What is the current position regarding provision of intermediate care beds?
- In response to questions about the Day Opportunities Strategy:-
 - It was confirmed that the legal challenge in place is for both the Fairway Day Centre and the Day Opportunities Strategy.
 - The impact of this on current plans for both services users and the budget. The current plan for service users is, because of the legal challenge, everything is currently on hold and mitigations have been put in place regarding the budget.
- An update was given on the dispute with the Enablement Service.
- Clarification on how the social care winter pressure funding from central government will be spent this year.
- Domestic violence and getting children to school.
- Cross portfolio working regarding rough sleepers.
- Public Health – District Health Profiles data at district/ward level, which was launched in January, would be based on the old boundaries. It was confirmed that datasets included in the JNSA are based on the 10 districts but the data included in the Director of Public Health Annual Report are at Ward level. Ward level data is not available for some key indicators.
- A summary of the current position regarding the LGA contribution to the debate on adult social care funding and the response from Government about future funding.

The Interim Director of Public Health, Becky Pollard, introduced a report which set out the proposed process for consulting on the development of the Birmingham Public Health Strategy (Green Paper). The purpose of the strategy is to target resources where there is greatest need. The consultation exercise will begin in Spring 2019.

Members raised the following issues/observations:-

- Councillor Brennan sought clarification about how the City was going to track the evidence that Birmingham will have a lasting legacy after the 2022 Commonwealth Games. Councillor Brennan explained that the Scottish Government also wanted a lasting legacy after the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games but some research would suggest that this was not the case.

RESOLVED:

- That an electronic copy of the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2018 'Fulfilling Lives for Under Fives' is circulated to committee members.

- Professor Graeme Betts to provide:-
 - A breakdown of the 600+ out of area placements by category.
 - The 600+ figure includes people with learning disabilities. Work is currently being undertaken to assess whether it is possible to bring those people back to Birmingham and if it is possible to reduce costs. The information regarding costs to be provided.
- Councillor Paulette Hamilton to ask the Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion, Community Safety and Equality to provide a briefing for Councillor Islam on the schooling of children living within a domestic violence setting.
- The Interim Director of Public Health to confirm the consultation timeline for the Birmingham Public Health Priorities Green Paper and for it to be scheduled on the work programme early 2019.

6. SUBSTANCE MISUSE: BIRMINGHAM'S ADULT TREATMENT SERVICES (CGL) – YEAR 3 PROGRESS

Sian Warmer (Service Manager, CGL); Dr Adarsh Ramegowda (Consultant Psychiatrist, CGL) and Max Vaughan (Head of Service, Universal & Prevention Services, Adult Social Care & Health) were in attendance. Max Vaughan gave a presentation from the commissioning perspective. This was followed by Sian Warmer who introduced an impact analysis report which set out case studies of service users and the facts and figures around the number of people accessing the service.

Members comments/questions included:-

- Is there a substance misuse performance framework nationally and would it be possible to have the data over the last 3-4 years against benchmarked indicators?
- What are the demographics regarding treatment for novel psychoactive substances (NPS)? What's the scale of the problem and where is it most active in the City?
- It was confirmed that there was capacity for 80 of the most vulnerable women who were suffering domestic violence to be looked after by the Women's and Families Team in a place of safety.
- Are the trends regarding NPS usage in the UK replicating what is happening in the US with the use of fentanyl?
- What is being done to discourage people and, particularly, young people from taking drugs?

RESOLVED:

- Sian Warmer confirmed that there is a National Drug Treatment Monitoring System and she would provide the following information:-
 - Data over the last 3-4 years against benchmarked national indicators.
 - By Ward a full breakdown of the total people in treatment e.g. by gender, postcode, ethnicity and age.

- Information/data around users of NPS including homeless people.
- Following the dissemination of the requested information to members a visit will be arranged to Scala House to meet service users and gain further insight into the service provided.

7. BIRMINGHAM SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD – STRATEGY PLAN 2018/19

Cherry Dale (Independent Chair of the Birmingham Safeguarding Adults Board) presented the Action Plan for year 2 (2018-2019) of the BSAB Strategy. The 4 key priorities for 2018-19 and details of the ambitions against those priorities are set out in the Action Plan. The statistics, successes and achievements are set out in the Annual Report which will be presented to this committee in December.

The 4 key priorities for 2018-19:

- Hearing the Voice of the Community
- Safer Communities
- Empowering our Communities
- Governance and Assurance

Members were briefed about the work that had been undertaken in meeting those priorities.

RESOLVED:

The Birmingham Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2018 is scheduled on the work programme for the December meeting.

8. ADULT SOCIAL CARE PERFORMANCE MONITORING

Mike Walsh (Service Lead, Commissioning, Adult Social Care & Health) presented a detailed set of performance data based on the 25 measures on the Cabinet scorecard. The enhanced set of performance indicator (PI) information includes trends, 3 PIs broken down by constituencies and 17 PIs which can be benchmarked against other comparable local authorities.

Members raised queries on the following:

- Explanation of the meaning of DoT i.e. direction of travel.
- The Delayed Transfers of Care graph line.
- Rate of chlamydia screenings.
- PI19 – Fraction of mortality attributable to particulate air pollution. It was questioned why it was 'particulate air pollution' when nitrogen oxides seem to be the biggest problem and not particulates.

RESOLVED:

The Coordinating O&S Committee has a work item on Performance Indicators and the Chairman agreed to take his question regarding PI19 back to that committee.

9. WORK PROGRAMME – NOVEMBER 2018

The Chairman announced that two additional items had been added to the work programme:-

- February – Draft Suicide Prevention Action Plan.
- March – Draft STP Strategy – Post Consultation.

10. REQUEST(S) FOR CALL IN/COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION/PETITIONS

None

11. OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

None

12. 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 1230 hours.