

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

HEALTH, WELLBEING AND THE ENVIRONMENT O&S

COMMITTEE

1000 hours on 27th September, Committee Rooms 3 & 4

Reconvened 1400 hours on 27th September, Committee Room 6 – Actions

Present:

Councillor John Cotton (Chair)

Councillors Deirdre Alden, Sue Anderson, Andrew Hardie, Mohammed Idrees, Karen McCarthy and Robert Pocock

Also Present:

Councillor Paulette Hamilton, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care

Peter Hay, Strategic Director, People Directorate

John Wilderspin, Strategic Programme Director, STP

Andy Cave, CEO, Healthwatch Birmingham

Brian Carr, Chair, Healthwatch Birmingham

Charlene Mulhern, Senior Officer, Collaboration, Birmingham Public Health

Dr Andrew Coward, Chair, Birmingham South Central CCG

Mary Latter, Strategic Commissioning Manager (Dementia)

Parveen Mercer, Head of Service – Universal & Prevention Commissioning

Rose Kiely, Overview & Scrutiny Manager, Scrutiny Office

Gail Sadler, Research & Policy 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.birminghamnewsroom.com") and members of the press/public may record and take photographs.

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

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillors Uzma Ahmed, Mick Brown, Carole Griffiths, Kath Hartley and Simon Jevon.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were reminded that they must declare all relevant interests relating to any items of business to be discussed at the meeting. Councillor Andrew Hardie declared an interest as a registered GP working as a locum in Birmingham. Councillor Karen McCarthy declared an interest as the City Council's Stakeholder Governor to the Birmingham Women's Hospital.

4. ACTION NOTES/ISSUES ARISING

The action notes of the meeting held on 9th August were noted.

The Chair read out a response he had received from Angela Probert, the Strategic Director of Change & Support Services, on behalf of the Chief Executive, to the letter sent by himself and the Deputy Chair regarding the remit of the Committee. (See attached). In the light of this letter, the Chair proposed that he and the Deputy Chair meet with the Head of Scrutiny Services to take forward the suggestion of a Task & Finish/Working Group arrangement to relieve some of the burden of work on the committee around the Environment agenda.

5. CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

Councillor Paulette Hamilton, the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care, and Peter Hay, the Strategic Director for People presented a progress update on the Birmingham and Solihull Sustainability and Transformation Plan.

During the discussions Members raised the following points:

- Widespread serious concern among members about the lack of openness and transparency in the design process of the STP.
- Concern about the exclusion of the public from the process so far.
- No elected Member input in the decision making process and lack of consultation with the City Council.
- The process is fatally flawed and will damage the reputation of the City Council.
- Lack of engagement with, and role of, the Health & Wellbeing Board.
- Lack of detail to be able to ask key questions.
- Financial proposals having been submitted before the plan.

- No adult social care pressures taken into account in the financial proposals submission.
- Questions around political engagement in particular the role of the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care and the Leader and the Chief Executive's role as System Lead.
- Need for information around the resources for transformation and supporting the STP process.
- Need to know what the timescales are.
- What is the role of the Joint Birmingham and Solihull Health Scrutiny Committee?
- How does this STP fit in with the Black Country STP?
- The Leader of the Council takes up with Central Government the issue that ground rules of place-based health and social care management have to include a democratisation of that process.

Andy Cave, CEO, Healthwatch Birmingham, offered to help with patient and public engagement using their Quality Standard Toolkit.

RESOLVED:-

That a further update/information report be brought to the next meeting on 25th October.

6. PRIORITY REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT

This report was deferred.

7. HEALTHWATCH BIRMINGHAM UPDATE

Andy Cave, CEO and Brian Carr, Chair of the Board, attended to present an update report on the work of Healthwatch Birmingham.

Following the presentation, the attendees responded to questions from Members which included:-

- How confident they were in the stability of staffing, governance and the work programme going forward?
- How they engage with 'hard to reach' groups including the elderly?
- Asked to give examples of where their work has made a difference and resulted in change.

- How they schedule their work programme to take consideration of up and coming consultations and service changes?
- How they engage with diverse groups?
- How visits to social care and care homes are going to be expanded e.g. Enter and View?
- How much do they question relatives in care homes?
- How do they recruit volunteers?
- To consider an area of work looking at the health geography of Birmingham at a sub-City level and how coherence can be created within that.
- What opportunities have they explored to bring in jointly commissioned activities with national partners e.g. Macmillan, Prostate Cancer UK etc. as a route for expansion?

8. HEALTH, WELLBEING AND THE ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2016-17

The work programme was submitted:-

During discussions it was highlighted that there were 2 big issues that needed addressing i.e. the STP and the Environment remit of the Committee. It was agreed that agenda items on the work programme for 25th October would be rescheduled in order to dedicate the majority of the meeting to scrutinising the STP. Mark Rogers (System Lead) and the 4 STP Work Programme Leads (Dame Julie Moore, Sarah-Jane Marsh, Tracy Taylor and John Short) would be invited to attend.

A Member suggested that the topic of 'Air Pollution and Health', which is due for consideration in January 2017, is possibly one of those areas where there is cross-cutting scrutiny with the Economy, Skills and Transport O&S Committee.

RESOLVED:-

That the work programme be noted.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 1157 hours and reconvened at 1400 hours.

9. TRACKING OF THE 'TACKLING CHILDHOOD OBESITY IN BIRMINGHAM' INQUIRY

In attendance to present this report were:-

Charlene Mulhern, Senior Officer, Collaboration, Birmingham Public Health

Dr Andrew Coward, Chair, Birmingham South Central CCG

RECOMMENDATION ASSESSMENTS

There were 5 outstanding recommendations:-

Recommendation 02 – Cabinet Member Assessment 3

Recommendation 04 – Cabinet Member Assessment 1

Recommendation 05 – Cabinet Member Assessment 1

Recommendation 06 – Cabinet Member Assessment 1

Recommendation 08 – Cabinet Member Assessment 1

OUTCOME/ACTIONS

The Committee agreed with the Cabinet Member Assessment for recommendations 02, 05, 06 and 08.

The Committee reassessed Recommendation 04 as category 3 (Not achieved, progress made).

During the course of the presentation, members requested the following further information:-

R02 – Case studies from the nine primary schools across Birmingham highlighted as exemplars for good practice be circulated to the committee.

R05 – An update report be brought back to committee in order to monitor the success of this recommendation.

R06 – The Third Sector Public Health Framework and a written update report be circulated to committee in December 2016.

R08 – The Development Toolkit, when available, should be circulated to the committee.

10. TRACKING OF THE ‘LIVING LIFE TO THE FULL WITH DEMENTIA’ INQUIRY

In attendance to present this report was:-

Mary Latter, Strategic Commissioning Manager (Dementia)

Parveen Mercer, Head of Service – Universal & Prevention Commissioning

RECOMMENDATION ASSESSMENTS

There were 5 outstanding recommendations:-

Recommendation 02 – Cabinet Member Assessment 1

Recommendation 04 – Cabinet Member Assessment 1

Recommendation 10 – Cabinet Member Assessment 1

Recommendation 12 – Cabinet Member Assessment 1

Recommendation 13 – Cabinet Member Assessment 1

OUTCOME/ACTIONS

The Committee agreed with the Cabinet Member Assessment for recommendations 02 and 13.

The following recommendations were reassessed as:-

Recommendation 04 – 2 (Achieved Late)

Recommendation 10 – 6 (In Progress)

Recommendation 12 – 6 (In Progress)

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

None

12. OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

None

13. 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 1530 hours.