

## BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

### HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE O&S COMMITTEE

**1000 hours on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018, Committee Room 3 & 4 – Actions**

**Present:**

Councillor Rob Pocock (Chair)

Councillors Nicky Brennan, Mick Brown, Peter Fowler, Ziaul Islam, Chauhdry Rashid and Paul Tilsley.

**Also Present:**

Councillor Paulette Hamilton, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care

Becky Pollard, Interim Director of Public Health, BCC

Cherry Dale, Independent Chair of the Birmingham Safeguarding Adults Board

Pauline Mugridge, Interim Assistant Director, Community Services, Adult Social Care & Health

Fiona Mould, Principal Social Worker, Adult Social Care & Health

Sonia Mais-Rose, Head of Service, Regulatory and Day Services, Adult Social Care & Health

Grace Natoli, Head of Transformation, Adult Social Care & Health

Rose Kiely, Overview & Scrutiny Manager, Scrutiny Office

Gail Sadler, Scrutiny Officer, Scrutiny Office

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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. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor 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.

#### 4. ACTION NOTES/ISSUES ARISING

Councillor Tilsley asked that his name be recorded against the resolution under agenda item 5 requesting a **breakdown of the 600+ out of area placements by category**.

The action notes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018 were agreed.

The following matters have arisen since the committee last met:

- Under item 4 - STP/CCG boundaries with regard to West Birmingham. A meeting took place on 5<sup>th</sup> December with NHS England and representatives from Sandwell and West Birmingham CCG, Birmingham and Solihull CCG, Councillor Paulette Hamilton and Councillor Pocock. A copy of a letter received from NHS England following that discussion was tabled which recognises the concerns that the HOSC has raised and will be addressed in a review which could potentially result in the consolidation of the boundaries of Birmingham into a single Birmingham and Solihull STP by April 2020.
- Under item 5 – Substance Misuse: Birmingham’s Adult Treatment Services (CGL) - additional data requested by the committee will be circulated by the end of the week. Following analysis of this information the committee can identify any further information they may require when conducting a site visit which will be arranged in the New Year.
- Under item 8 – Councillor Pocock raised a question regarding **PI19 Fraction of mortality attributable to particulate air pollution** and why it was ‘particulate’ air pollution and not nitrogen oxides. Councillor Pocock confirmed that this has now been taken up by an Indicators Working Group of the Coordinating O&S Committee who are looking at all performance indicators and a report will be taken back to Coordinating O&S Committee in January/February 2019.

#### 5. BUDGET CONSULTATION 2019+

Councillor Paulette Hamilton (Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care) and Becky Pollard (Interim Director of Public Health) presented an overview of the budget consultation document in the wider context and, more specifically, the budget savings proposals for Adult Social Care and Health and Public Health.

Becky Pollard also provided information on the Public Health proportional spend for the April 2017-March 2018 financial year.

During discussions, members raised the following points in relation to each of the budget savings proposals listed below:-

### **AD101A 19+ Funding of Equipment Loan Store**

- Members questioned the use of capital resources as opposed to revenue or the Better Care Fund (BCF). It was unclear if the BCF came from the capital resource budget and, if so, what was the amount of capital resources that could have been used elsewhere? The Cabinet Member said this service was currently funded through the BCF but going forward a figure had been negotiated with the Health Service to provide funding. A response to the questions on the capital resource budget was not available at the time but a written briefing would be provided by Interim Director of Adult Social Care and Health.
- It was noted that this service brought in an income of £4.479m in 2018/19 and the Cabinet Member was asked if there were other opportunities in other services where it might be possible to generate income from external funding. The Cabinet Member confirmed there were many different streams of funding and referred, in particular, to European funding that had recently been secured to support some of the non-statutory services.

### **AD101B 19+ Funding for Assistive Equipment**

- A comment was made that delays in providing equipment can result in delayed transfers of care.
- There were two questions with regard to the Equipment Loan Service:-
  - Is equipment reclaimed when it is no longer required?
  - Does the Loan Service record what equipment is on loan and to whom in order that it can be reclaimed and redistributed?

In response, the Cabinet Member confirmed that the equipment is reclaimed but did not have the level of detail required regarding the operational process. It was agreed that the Cabinet Member would request a briefing note from the department to be circulated to the committee.

### **AD102 19+ Bharosa Service Birmingham**

- In response to a question about the word 'assumed' in relation to the text '... it is assumed that the service will be directly funded by Public Health ...', members were told that options were being considered about how the service will be delivered in the future and this may not be through the Council. The Chairman asked for confirmation from the Cabinet Member that there is a commitment from the Council to fund the service through the Public Health budget until other options have been developed, which was agreed.

### **AD103 19+ HIV/TB Support**

- Support was given for the decision not to discontinue the service but concern was raised that there should be on-going support for HIV/TB sufferers particularly those who were homeless, not registered with a GP or asylum seekers. Members were told that discussions were taking place with service users, the provider, NHS commissioners and voluntary sector to better

understand how else the service can be delivered. Further consultation will take place going forward.

#### **AD104 19+ Fees and Charges Review**

- Clarification was sought about the definition of the word 'necessary' when referring to the text '... allow the person to keep enough benefit to pay for necessary disability related expenditure'. It was pointed out that the Council may have one perception and service users may have a different perception. In response, members were told that consultation was taking place with service users to see what they deem is 'necessary'.

Other issues raised included:-

- The Cabinet Member was asked what was the legal minimum amount of money that the Council must have in reserves to protect Adult Social Care and Health? The Cabinet Member did not have this information but a response would be sent to committee members.
- The timing of the public consultation, over the Christmas period, was also questioned. The Cabinet Member confirmed that there had been a lot of interest from the public. The consultation had been brought forward a month in response to complaints in previous years of it being held too late.
- Regarding the information provided on budget savings carried forward from Financial Plan 2018+, the Cabinet Member was asked to provide further detail on pension strain costs and the implications of budget cuts that are already in the system. The Cabinet Member said the pension strain costs are applicable to people who retire early and are able to access their pension and the costs associated with that. She also confirmed that some savings from previous years had not been met but mitigations had been put in place through the receipt of extra funding from government.

#### **RESOLVED:**

- The Cabinet Member agreed to provide the following information:-
  - AD101A 19+ Funding of Equipment Load Store
    - A response to the questions on the capital resource budget.
    - The legal minimum amount of money that the Council must have in reserves to protect Adult Social Care and Health?
  - AD101B 19+ Funding for Assistive Equipment
    - A briefing note from the Equipment Loan Service regarding the operational process.
- That comments raised by the committee form part of a joint Scrutiny Committees response to the budget consultation.

## **6. BIRMINGHAM SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2017-18**

Cherry Dale (Independent Chair of the Birmingham Safeguarding Adults Board) introduced the report and gave a brief overview of the purpose of the Board. Other sections highlighted from the report were:-

- Key safeguarding facts for 2017-18.
- Achievements i.e. 'What we said we'd do' and 'What we did'. For example, in response to prevention/early intervention strategy commissioned some work on non-regulated accommodation.
- Focussed on:-
  - Transition from Children's to Adult's Services.
  - Trauma Awareness and Domestic Abuse.
  - Making Safeguarding Personal and Risk Enablement.
- Commissioned The Waiting Room Directory which has up to date access to information of health and wellbeing services within the City.
- How feedback is measured through assurance reports from partners, Forums etc. and audits on impact.

### **RESOLVED:**

- Risk Enablement document to be circulated to members.
- A breakdown of geographic, demographic and socio-demographic data for each constituency is included in the next annual report.
- Information will be provided on The Waiting Room Directory.

## **7. THE NEW SOCIAL WORK MODEL IN BIRMINGHAM**

Pauline Mugridge (Interim Assistant Director, Community Services) and Fiona Mould (Principal Social Worker) presented a report which outlined the new constituency model for social work which will be rolled-out across the City over 18 months and should be in place by March 2019.

Members were told that the new model is built on 3 conversations which focus on what is important for an individual rather than completing a full eligibility assessment for everyone and, to date, 77% of referrals have been resolved in conversation 1. Work is being undertaken with the University of Birmingham to analyse data. Data for all constituencies should be available by March 2019.

### **RESOLVED:**

- A further update report to be scheduled on the work programme early in the new municipal year.
- The report was noted.

## 8. UPDATE ON DAY OPPORTUNITIES STRATEGY

Sonia Mais-Rose (Head of Service, Regulatory and Day Services) and Grace Natoli (Head of Transformation) attended the meeting to provide an update on the current status of the decision taken by Cabinet on 31<sup>st</sup> July regarding the Day Opportunities Strategy. Also presented, were the findings of the work undertaken by the National Development Team for Inclusion.

Sonia Mais-Rose read out the following statement on behalf of Melanie Brooks (Assistant Director – Adult Social Care & Health) :-

1. The Day Opportunities Strategy that was considered by Cabinet on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019 was subject to legal challenge.
2. The Judicial Review proceedings were compromised by consent (on Counsel's advice) such that the decision has been quashed. It was further agreed that any documents relating to support provided by National Development Team for Inclusion (NDTi) would be disclosed. This means that further consultation will now have to take place in order to fill in gaps in the consultation that was carried out prior to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018.
3. The service was always intent on conducting formal consultation following the development of a proposed new service model for day services. The proposed model would result in the reconfiguration of BCC run internal day centres. It was these two aspects that consultation was to be based on.
4. Following the legal challenge on the Day Opportunities strategy, it would make sense to wrap up all consultation activities in one namely: Day Opportunities Strategy, Proposed Day Service Model and the configuration for the BCC operated service.
5. The consultation will run from January to March 2019. The proposal is to present the consultation findings to Cabinet in June 2019. This would then be followed by the implementation of a proposed model, based on the outcome of the consultation.

In the discussion that followed, members made the following points:-

- Reassurance was sought that the existing services will continue with referrals and staffing as it currently stands pending the consultation process and a decision being made.
- What lessons have been learnt about how consultation is undertaken with services users at the right stages of the process especially vulnerable service users?
- Referring to the Fairways Day Centre, officers were asked what plans were in place to increase the number of people using the centre and the need to increase staffing, if necessary? Was there potential for those service users who had moved to another Day Centre to move back to Fairways if they so wished? In response, it was confirmed that, if it was deemed appropriate, along with other options that may be available, there is nothing to stop social workers referring a service user to that centre. If additional service users were

to be brought back into the centre then the centre would need to be resourced appropriately in terms of staffing.

- What was the cost to the Council regarding the Judicial Review?
- It was confirmed that the NDTi PowerPoint presentation was the only document available at the moment. The NDTi final report will be part of the information presented to Cabinet in June 2019.

**RESOLVED:**

- That a copy of the statement be circulated to members of the committee following the meeting.
- It was the view of the committee that existing services should remain as they currently are pending the consultation process.
- Information regarding the cost of the Judicial Review to be provided.
- Invite a representative of the NDTi to:-
  - brief members about the engagement process that had been undertaken with service users, and
  - provide evidence on which their findings are based.
- The committee will have early sight of the draft consultation strategy proposal for comment.

**9. WORK PROGRAMME – NOVEMBER 2018**

Full Council approved a motion for this committee to undertake some work on 'Period Poverty'. A proposal setting out how the work will be taken forward will be presented to the next meeting in January.

**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.

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The meeting ended at 1254 hours.