

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE O&S COMMITTEE

PUBLIC MEETING

**Tuesday 6th June 2023. Committee Rooms 3 & 4,
Council House, Victoria Square
Minutes.**

Present

Councillor Mick Brown (Chair)

Councillors: Councillors Gareth Moore, Julian Pritchard, Kath Hartley, Jane E Jones, Rob Pocock and Paul Tilsley

Also Present:

Paul Clarke, Assistant Director (Programmes, Performance & Improvement), Strategy, Equality and Partnerships (SEP)

Tracey Murray, Improvement and Change Partner, SEP

Louise Collett, Director, Adult and Social Care

Richard G Smith, Head of Insight, SEP

Becky Pollard, Interim Assistant Director, Adults, Public Health

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

No apologies received.

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

The resolution of the City Council meeting held on 23rd May 2023 appointing the Committee Chair and members to service on the Committee up to the period ending with the Annual Meeting of City Council 2024, was noted.

5. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR.

Councillor Rob Pocock was put forward as the only nomination for election of Deputy Chair for the Committee, for the purposes of substitution for the Chair, if absent, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the City Council in 2024. This was seconded by Councillor Paul Tilsley.

RESOLVED:

- That Councillor Rob Pocock be elected as Deputy Chair of the Committee.

6. HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE:

The Overview and Scrutiny Manager gave a brief update on changes to the Terms of Reference:

- The Committee will now be known as the Health and Adult Social Care (HASC) Overview and Scrutiny Committee to accurately reflect the Adult and Social Care element
- The Commonwealth Games Culture and Physical Activity Overview and Scrutiny Committee has now ceased to exist and much of the work has been incorporated into the Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The HASC will now adopt the Physical health and Activity aspects of the old committee

RESOLVED:

- That the Terms of Reference for the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted.

7. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE JOINT HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE.

The Birmingham membership of both the Joint Birmingham & Solihull and Sandwell Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee were appointed as follows:

- **Birmingham and Solihull Joint HOSC:-** Councillors Mick Brown (Lab), Rob Pocock (Lab), Jane E Jones (Labour), Gareth Moore (Con) and Debbie Harries (LibDem).

- **Birmingham and Sandwell Joint HOSC:-** Councillors Mick Brown (Lab), Hartley (Lab), Jane E Jones (Lab), Gareth Moore (Con) and Mumtaz Hussein (LibDem).
- Meeting date for the Birmingham and Solihull Joint HOSC in July is yet to be confirmed. Any changes to membership before the first Joint HOSC meeting will come before the next HASC meeting on 4th July.

RESOLVED:

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

8. MINUTES – 18TH APRIL 2023

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

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

The Overview and Scrutiny Manager informed members that all outstanding actions from the Action Tracker for the HOSC meetings from year 22/23 are now complete.

RESOLVED

That the Committee noted completion of actions from the previous Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

10. DEVELOP EFFECTIVE AND FLEXIBLE SCRUTINY.

The Chair introduced this item by stating that this agenda item sits alongside the next agenda item 11 and can be discussed in relation to the proposed work programme mapping and issues for 2023/24.

Members were informed that the focus of this appendix to the report (page 35-37 of Agenda Pack) is primarily about how members want to consider and prioritise issues in the work programme, and ensuring added value to scrutiny function, rather than presentations at meetings just for information and noting.

Members agreed and noted that committee go through issues noted in the Work Programme Mapping paper related to the next agenda item 11.

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

The Overview and Scrutiny Manager provided context to this discussion for members. Key points (full details and information sent to members in advance) highlighted for members to consider include:

- To consider a more flexible way of using committee time to enhance value of Scrutiny function, recognising that the committee has a wide-ranging Health and Adult Social Care remit
- To consider focusing on priority issues that has significant impact on the public.
- Some issues from last year's work programme are carried forward into this year's. Also issues such as Domestic Violence and relevance to Health and Adult Social Care and Physical Activity and Health are included in the Work programme mapping paper for members to consider for scrutiny.
- The paper does not include Standing Items that committees have received in previous years. This is to help members focus more on priority issues and identify changes that has made or is making a difference to communities, rather than having regular Standing Items just presented and noted.
- One of the appendices for this item includes Cabinet Member Priorities. This provides a list of key issues from the Cabinet Member for HASC that committee members may want to explore and prioritise for appropriate scrutiny, as well as asking for further clarification and updates where required.
- The Programmes, Performance and Improvement Division provided a paper (Pages 55-66 of Agenda Pack) providing a summary of the strategic and organisational context, external factors impacting on the remit of this Committee, key performance and delivery information and a list of transformation and improvement activity relevant.
- The Scrutiny Team has had discussions with NHS colleagues (apologies from them as they were unable to attend today's meeting due to organisational event taking place) on some issues (Page 47 of Agenda Pack) on the Work Programme Mapping appendix which also has indicative timescales for consideration by members.
- The Chair added that some of the issues in the Work Programme mapping will be looked at by members of both JHOSCs, and some will be considered by Task and Finish Groups.

Paul Clarke provided an overview and context to the issues highlighted on corporate performance and improvement appendix (Page 55 to 66 of Agenda Pack).

- The paper provides high level strategic and operational context and information to inform thinking across the HASC's work programme for the coming year, looking at corporate performance and delivery issues/priorities
- Key changes that might happen next year in terms of legislative and regulatory changes such as CQC and Health and Social Care Act, as well as list of KPIs and delivery activities and milestones used to report on corporate priorities

- Ongoing progress on transformative and improvement activities

In response to members questions, Paul Clarke and Richard Smith provided the following responses

- This is a broad summary of key information that the Committee may want to consider in terms of what is relevant to it. The team is happy to produce a more detailed tailored pack as appropriate to the Committee's information needs and work programme
- The potential for additional corporate data and information that can add value to work being undertaken by the Committee . The team will work closely with Scrutiny team on providing information/data as relevant to the committee's work programme

The following were among the main points raised by Members in discussion on issues to be considered by the Committee:

- It would be useful to look at Domestic Violence in relation to Health and Social Care, and to consider access to Dentistry. Also, update on the Commonwealth Games Legacy Scrutiny Inquiries
- Immunisation and Vaccinations – to focus on this as priority. Potential work for Task and Finish. This may be looked at in line with the BLACHIR report, with update on this due at the July meeting
- Maternity Health – could be investigated by JHOSC
- Placed-based Committees – closer look at the localisation agenda across the Integrated Care Board, and connecting these at ward level.
- In relation to Cabinet Priorities, it would be good to get a sense of what cabinet decisions will be made in the coming year that is relevant to the Committee's remit before it is finalised. This will allow HASC to have an input at a point where it is meaningful.
- Quality of Care especially around maternal care and stillbirth and its impact on ethnic minorities.
- CQC approaches and priorities, and timescales for the pilot inspection. In response, Louise Collett informed the meeting that CQC will be making an onsite visit in August and suggests making some time in the July meeting for an update on what the visit will entail.
- On the Children and Young People (CYP) Mental Health enquiry, Task and Finish Group work is still ongoing. Report is due to go to City Council in November. Up to 4 Task and Finish

Group meetings may be required before then to complete the work. Task and Finish work activities will need to be incorporated within the O&S Committee calendar for the year. Cllr. Jones expressed her interest in joining the Inquiry Task and Finish Group.

- Carrying out Service Contract oversight, and to look at this prior to recommissioning stage to carry out end-of-year contract and review performance
- Day Opportunities Review – cabinet decision due in December. Committee to consider and have input in the cabinet decision prior to December, ideally around September
- Task and Finish Groups work activities to be considered in second half of the year
- In response to whether officers present has any additional comments on work programme, Paul Clarke and Richard Smith reiterated their teams' commitment to working with the Committee and the Scrutiny Team to support the scrutiny function.
- An update from the Independent Care home sector to the Committee on Adult and Social Care homes contract performance.

The Chair recommended to Committee members that he, Deputy Chair, Scrutiny Team and Officers from the Strategy, Equality and Partnerships (SEP) Directorate will meet to draw up an outline work programme based on discussions on issues from today and come back with this at the next meeting. Members agreed to this.

The Overview and Scrutiny Manager reminded the Committee of its remit across all Adult Social Care and NHS Services (including the 5 main NHS Trusts), as part of its Health Scrutiny function. Members may wish to consider looking at key priorities not just over the year, but over a two- or three-year period to get a fuller picture of key NHS functions such as Quality Accounts and Complaints procedure to inform service improvement.

Members noted and agreed the recommendation that the membership of the Children and Youth Mental Health enquiry should continue as it currently is. At this stage, Councillor Jane Jones expressed interest in wanting to join the enquiry Task and Finish group. Members agreed to Cllr. Jones being put forward for nomination as a member of the enquiry.

Andy Cave from Healthwatch provided input from his organisation's perspective and he gave a brief update of work his organisation are doing that will be relevant to the work programme:

- Healthwatch Impact report on Dentistry recently published.

- Report on Maternity Services in West Birmingham, specifically looking at how this affects Black African and Black Caribbean women.
- Children and Young People mental health recommendations. This is aligned with the ongoing Task and Finish group's work
- Investigation into Prostate Cancer pathways survey to be sent to members.
- Healthwatch Annual Report will be published by end of June 2023 which will be circulated to Members. Healthwatch will be happy to attend a meeting to present key points in the report if required

All reports and related links will be circulated to committee members.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee

- Noted the information set out in Appendices 1-3 and identifies a menu of topics for the Committee to explore over the coming year.
- Confirmed, subject to further input from the Chair and Deputy Chair outside of the meeting, items for the Committee meeting in July
- Agreed the issues that the Committee will consider during September – October 2023, the proposed aims and objectives and the preferred method of scrutiny.
- Noted that a draft work programme will be presented to the Committee meeting in July for consideration and approval
- Noted, subject to further input from the Chair and Deputy Chair outside of the meeting, its proposed work programme will be submitted to Co-ordinating O&S to enable work to be planned and co-ordinated throughout the year.
- Agreed that Cllr. Jones be appointed to the Task and Finish Group for the Children and Young People's mental health Inquiry

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

None.

13. OTHER URGENT BUSINESS.

None.

14. SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES FOR COMMITTEE AND SCRUTINY WORK

Committee members noted the scheduled dates for 2023/24:

2023

2024

4th July

23rd January

19th September

20th February

17th October

9th April

21st November

7th May.

19th December

The Scrutiny Team are in the process of agreeing the next JHOSC meeting dates with Solihull and Sandwell.

15. 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 11.02 hours.