

**HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE  
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

**PRESENT** – Councillor Walsh (Chair); Davies, Akhtar, O’Keeffe, McFall, Oldfeild, Hardman and John Slater.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Cllr Mohammed Khan	- Executive Member for Adult Social Care
David Kerambrum	- Director for Adult Social Care
Peter Hunt	- Lead Officer
Brian Spencer	- LINKS Chair
Diane Hill	- Principal Scrutiny Officer
John Addison	- Scrutiny Officer

**RESOLUTIONS**

**37 Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were received from Councillor McGarvey.

**38 Minutes of the Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2011 be received and signed.

**39 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made.

**40 Work of the Executive**

The Executive Member for Adult Social Care was invited to give the Committee a brief overview and update on the Executive Decisions he had taken since the last Committee meeting, highlighting any future decisions that he may be taking.

Members were also provided with a budget position statement for Adult Social Care, which included progress on efficiency reviews.

The Committee considered the performance data for the Adult Social Care Portfolio, the forward plan relating to the portfolio as well as its current position in relation to the budget.

Members held a detailed discussion with the Executive Member around the department's budget for 2010/2011, focusing on the efficiency savings that had to be made.

The Executive Member reminded the Committee that his portfolio was currently under going a review in light of potential budget cuts and that further information on this would be provided to this Committee when appropriate.

**Resolved:**

- 1) That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care be thanked for his attendance.
- 2) That the action that has been taken by the Council to put in place strengthened governance arrangements to oversee the substantial budget reductions approved by Finance Council and provide assurance to Members including Scrutiny;
- 3) That the proposal that from the 2011/2012 Municipal Year the new Scrutiny Committees will receive more detailed information and assurance on both the achievement of budget option reductions and overall portfolio budget monitoring.

**41 Alcohol – Presentation**

The Committee received a presentation from Dr Vishal Kaushik and the Director for Public Health on Alcohol; in particular, the impact alcohol related harm was having on the Borough.

The presentation provided Members with detailed information regarding life opportunities available to those living in Blackburn with Darwen. A number of alcohol related statistics that the Committee had previously requested was also presented.

The presentation also provided the Committee with hospital admissions figures both national and local through alcohol related harm and the cost of alcohol related harm.

The Committee held a detailed discussion with Dr Vishal Kaushik and the Director for Public Health and agreed that in addition to the Committee's previous recommendations on this work topic and the Committee's approval of the recommendations of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee on the Minimum Pricing of Alcohol:

**Resolved:**

- 1) That the new Child and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee be recommended to agree to the establishment of a Task and Finish Group to consider the alcohol statistics and the issues reported in the individual presentations by the Hospital Trust and the Director of Public Health at the March meeting;
- 2) That the Committee recommends to the Director of Public Health that the alcohol statistics and information presented by Dr Kaushik, Consultant at the Hospital Trust be included in a business case for the commissioning of specialist alcohol support services for consideration by Blackburn with Darwen NHS Teaching Care Trust Plus as part of that Trust's consideration of its overall health and well being commissioning priorities.

**42 Safeguarding Plan**

The Director for Adult Social Care presented the Committee with a copy of the Blackburn with Darwen Local Safeguarding Adults Board review of 2009-2010 and Business Plan for 2010-2012.

**Resolved:**

That Blackburn with Darwen Local Adults Safeguarding Board review of 2009-2010 and the Business Plan for 2010- 2012 be received and noted.

**43 Annual Performance Assessment Report 2009-2010**

The Committee receive and considered the Annual Performance Assessment Report 2009-2010. Members agreed after consideration that the new Child and Health Scrutiny Committee should continue to receive the progress reports for monitoring purposes.

**Resolved:**

- 1) That the Implementation Update on the areas of improvement highlighted by the Care Quality Commission for incorporation in the strategic plans of the Council and the Blackburn with Darwen NHS Teaching Care Trust Plus be received;
- 2) That the new Child and Health Scrutiny Committee be recommended to agree to continue to receive progress reports for monitoring purposes.

#### **44 Rehabilitation Pathway Redesign**

The Project Director Rehabilitation and Complex Care will provide Members with a report on Rehabilitation Pathway Redesign.

**Resolved:**

- 1) That the report on the work being undertaken on a proposed future model for sub acute in-patient rehabilitation and intermediate care be noted;
- 2) That on the basis of the report, the Committee would hope that the proposed service model will enhance the quality of service delivery for the residents of Blackburn with Darwen;
- 3) That the Committee supports the further engagement of patient groups, LINK and Healthwatch as the service model develops.

#### **45 NHS Reform**

The Director for Public Health provided the Committee with a presentation on NHS Reform. The presentation provided Members with a history of the NHS and the currently proposed reforms to service provision.

**Resolved:**

That the Director for Public Health be thanked for his presentation.

#### **46 LINK – Mental Health Respite**

The Committee received a referral report from LINK on Mental Health Respite and asked the Scrutiny Committee look into its request. The Committee then facilitated a discussion between the Executive Members and LINK around Mental Health respite with the Committee acknowledging the receipt of the LINK referral.

**Resolved:**

- 1) That the acknowledgment of the receipt of the LINK referral within 20 working days and the Committee's consideration of the referral at this first available meeting be noted;
- 2) That the Committee agrees not to exercise its powers on the Midway Respite and Crisis Care Support LINK referral for the following reasons:
  - that on 10 February 2011 the Council's Executive Board approved a detailed report relating to the outcome of the option appraisal for Adult Social Care In House Provision. One of the

recommendations was to undertake a process of due diligence with the recommended care providers in respect of in-house Extra Care and the Midway Mental Health Service subject to the successful outcome of the process to award initial three year contracts for these services with the transfer of employees under TUPE;

- that following a review of the Council's overall future Scrutiny arrangements, this would be the last meeting of the current Health Scrutiny Committee under the Council's current scrutiny arrangements;
  - that the Executive Member for Adult Social Care be requested to submit a progress report to the "new" Child and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee in six months time or at its first meeting in the new Municipal Year, whichever is the sooner;
- 3) That the Strategic Director for Mental Health Commissioning be requested to contact the Blackburn with Darwen LINK "host" to provide an update on the review of the mental health inpatient provision following the Commissioning Teams presentations at a recent LINK meeting;
- 4) That the Blackburn with Darwen LINK be informed of the Committee's decision and its reasons following consideration of the referral.

#### **47 Work Programme for the Year**

The Principal Scrutiny Officer provided Members with an update on the Committee's work programme for the year as agreed by the Policy and Review Committee at its meeting held in July 2010.

Members were reminded of some of the issues that they had highlighted throughout the meeting and what the Committee had already submitted to the Policy and Review Committee.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the Committee note the conclusions of its work programme.

#### **48 Joint Lancashire Health Scrutiny Committee**

The Chair presented to the Committee for its consideration the joint Lancashire Health Scrutiny Committee Terms of Reference that the Chair and Vice Chair had previously reported to the Committee.

#### **Resolved:**

- 1) That the Committee notes the decision by the Joint Lancashire Health Scrutiny Committee to request appropriate officers of the three upper tier Lancashire local authorities to hold an early future meeting to finalise the Joint Committee's draft terms of reference to ensure the Joint Committee is formally constituted for the new Municipal Year;
- 2) That the Chair and the Vice Chair of this Committee be authorised to approve the Joint Committee's draft Terms of Reference.

Signed.....  
Chair of the meeting at which the Minutes were signed

Date.....