

**HEALTH AND ADULTS
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Monday 15th July 2013**

PRESENT – Councillors O’Keeffe (Chair), Brookfield, Daley, Humphrys, Hollings, Riley, Sidat, Jacqueline Slater and D Smith.

Co-optees - none.

Also Present –

Cllr Khan	Executive Member for Health and Adult Services
Dominic Harrison	Director of Public Health
Steve Tingle	Director of Adult Social Care
Martin Eden	Link Chief Officer to the Committee
Heather Taylor	Senior Support Officer
Ben Aspinall	Scrutiny Manager

RESOLUTIONS

6. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Councillors D Foster and Groves.

RESOLVED –

That apologies be noted from Cllrs D Foster and Groves

7. Minutes of the Health and Adults Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 17th June 2013

Members of the Committee agreed that the minutes of the Health and Adults Overview and Scrutiny Committee be received as correct record.

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Health and Adults Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 17th June 2013 be agreed as a correct record.

8. Declarations of Interest in items on this Agenda

No Declarations of Interest were received.

9. Work of the Executive – Pre-decision Scrutiny and the Forward Plan

Executive Member for Health and Adult Social Care

The Chair welcomed the Executive Member for Health and Adult Social Care and invited him to advise the Committee in what capacity they could engage in pre-decision Scrutiny to support policy development in one or more areas potentially outlined in the Forward Plan.

The Executive Member referred the Committee to his Portfolio area of the Forward Plan; which started with the Transformation of Adult Social Care “putting People First”. He explained that of the items on the Forward Plan, the replacement of current Adult Social Care IT system could be an area the Committee may wish to consider for pre-decision Scrutiny; as a joint team of Adult Social Care, Finance and ITM&G staff was being put together to consult key stakeholders in identifying the business and technical requirements for a new system and to produce an Invitation To Quote which could be used to procure a new system.

The Executive Member continued by addressing other areas in the Scrutiny Managers report (agenda item 5): Initially; the Falls Prevention Service: Outlining to the Committee two key messages: That prevention produced better outcomes, with simple solutions such as addressing worn carpets, shoes and fixing inadequate lighting led to much better returns on investment for public monies, coupled with an understanding that there needed to be a shift change in attitude; with communities and families taking more care of their own neighbourhoods, building capacity to support one another, as the Council with limited resources would not, as was not, in a position to deliver an entire solution in isolation. This principle received broad support from members of the Committee.

A Member asked if all those who suffered falls were reported to the Service and received appropriate follow-up. In response the Director of Adult Social Care advised that where appropriate referrals were made to the Service, but re-emphasised that this was not the only initiative to address the issue. He advised that there were several other pro-active measures such as the Decent and Safe Homes Service and the Handy Person Scheme, along with other key elements of the Telecare offer.

Some Members related their own mixed experiences of hospital discharge, the establishment of Care Plans and home inspections to ascertain if a property was fit for the individual to return to. It was acknowledged that on balance there could be a potential gap between home visit assessments and hospital discharge.

A Member advised that the Prevention Service had done some well-received outreach work in her Community Centre, and that the promotional materials and contact numbers were still prominently displayed nearly a year afterwards.

The Director of Public Health advised that the outcomes to the Keogh Review were due to be released the next day, and that comments would be made once the report was made public. The Committee agreed with the Executive Member and the Director of Public Health that there would be several Bodies interested in

commenting and making recommendations on the report, including the Health and Wellbeing Board, Local Healthwatch and the Councils Scrutiny Committee.

The Executive Member outlined briefly the journey of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and its implementation, suggesting that this too could be an area the Committee may wish to include within its work programme.

The Director of Public Health outlined vaccination and immunisation uptake rates in Blackburn with Darwen, advising that this would require Scrutiny of Public Health England's plans for Blackburn with Darwen, as they became responsible from April 1st for the new operating model.

RESOLVED –

That the Executive Member for Health and Adults, the Director for Adult Social Care and the Director of Public Health be thanked for their attendance and contributions.

10. Committees work programme

The Scrutiny Manager outlined to the Committee key issues that had been raised in earlier debate and where they could appropriately be included within the work programme.

As soon as possible – (and to be completed by September 11th meeting):

The Director of Public Health and Scrutiny Manager to provide the following:

- Health data for Blackburn with Darwen, specifically on obesity, smoking, alcohol, housing and any other areas that may be significantly underperforming;
- Comparative health data against some of our nearest neighbour comparators, in order that the Committee can study the areas of underperformance and challenge how this is being addressed; and
- Examples of best practice and best outcomes in other areas to ascertain if similar principles could be applied to Blackburn with Darwen.

For the Scrutiny Manager to circulate the breakdown supplied by Public Health of the 55 Public Health contracts that have become a Council responsibility; and

For the Executive Member / Director of Public Health to provide an overview of how those services are being promoted and embedded into the main function of the Council; outlining the key individuals taking responsibility for ensuring their delivery.

For members of the Committee to discuss with relevant Directors their anticipated delivery of Public Health service initiatives.

September 11th meeting:

The Committee look forward to receiving a response to the recommendations on Social Isolation made to the Executive Member at the conclusion of the review in the last municipal year.

For the Committee to receive a budget update from the Executive Member on his portfolio.

To request Public Health England attend and advise the Committee on the delivery of the vaccination and immunisation programme for Blackburn with Darwen since they assumed responsibility on April 1st.

For the Committee to make recommendations to the Executive Member on the work undertaken in the first quarter of the municipal year.

September 23rd meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board

For Members of the Health and Adults Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider attending the next meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board where a presentation of the previously circulated [“Local Healthwatch health and Wellbeing Boards and Council Scrutiny - Roles and Relationships and adding value”](#) will be given to the Board.

15th January 2014 meeting:

For the Committee to receive from the Health and Wellbeing Board an update on the implementation and delivery of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

RESOLVED –

That the work programme as outlined above be agreed.

Signed.....

Chair of the meeting at which the Minutes were signed

Date.....