

**HEALTH AND ADULTS
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Wednesday 26th February 2014**

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

Also Present –

Martin Eden	Director of Culture, Leisure, Sport and Young People
Heather Taylor	Head of Neighbourhoods
Ben Aspinall	Scrutiny Manager

RESOLUTIONS

28. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Councillors Riley, Groves and Sidat.

RESOLVED –

That apologies be noted from Cllrs Riley, Groves and Sidat.

29. Minutes of Meeting held on 22nd January 2014

The Committee agreed that the Minutes of the Health and Adults Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 22nd January 2014 be received as a correct record.

The Scrutiny Manager informed the Committee that the draft letter to the Secretary of State (Minute number 26 refers) had not currently been actioned but would be done in due course.

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd January 2014 be agreed as a correct record.

30. Declarations of Interest in items on this Agenda

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

31. Minutes of Joint Lancashire Health Scrutiny Committee

The Committee agreed that the Minutes of the Joint Lancashire Health Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 28th January 2014 be received as a correct record.

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 28th January 2014 be agreed as a correct record.

32. Vaccinations & Immunisations Outcomes and Recommendations

The Scrutiny Manager provided the Committee with an update report on the Vaccination and Immunisation uptake rates in Blackburn with Darwen. The Committee were asked to note the outcomes and recommendations as outlined in the report.

Members were reminded that it was agreed at the beginning of the Municipal Year, that the Vaccination and Immunisation uptake rates in Blackburn with Darwen would require scrutiny of Public Health England's plans for Blackburn with Darwen. It was reported that a new operating model for Vaccination and Immunisation system became their responsibility from 1st April 2013.

RESOLVED –

That the Committee agreed the outcomes and recommendations of the review on Vaccination and Immunisation as part of the 2013-14 work programme.

33. Committee's Work Programme

The Scrutiny Manager presented to Members, the Committee's completed work programme report for 2013/14. The report showed progress made throughout the year on the work topics covered.

Members were reminded of some of the key topics undertaken and completed by the Committee throughout the year, these included:

- Benchmarking
- Public Health Inclusion
- Review Methodology
- Adult Social Care
- Keogh Review Report
- Health & Wellbeing Strategy
- Vaccination and Immunisation uptake rates in Blackburn with Darwen

Members were informed that a further date is now to be sought for a collaborative enquiry between the Health and Wellbeing Board, Overview and Scrutiny Committee and external partners.

The Scrutiny Manager informed Members that this meeting was intended to conclude the work programme for the year in advance of the Annual review of Scrutiny, which would take place on 7th April 2014.

The Scrutiny Manager invited Members to hold a discussion on what had worked well during the year and what could be improved for next year?

- Members felt that the league tables should have figures opposed to outcomes which would be helpful to scrutinise.
- Members requested that the Health & Wellbeing Board send a collaborative inquiry report twice a year to the Health & Adults Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- Members felt that the work programme for the year should to be more balanced between Health and Adult Social Care.
- Members requested that the Committee should have more performance indicator reports, which should be made available prior to the meetings, so they can regularly review the performance.
- Members wish to see reports from Healthwatch and Health & Wellbeing Board.
- Members felt that the Committee should scrutinise areas that they can make a difference to.
- Members acknowledged the timing of reports and agendas gave Members sufficient time to read them.
- Members felt that throughout the Council, they were not comparing what our nearest neighbour comparators are doing and it would be useful to implement benchmarking throughout the whole of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees.
- Provide hyperlinks of the research carried out by the Councils Health and Wellbeing Boards, the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and other relevant data to Members of next year's Committee to review.
- Members felt that they had undertaken a thorough and well planned approach on Vaccination and Immunisation uptake rate in Blackburn with Darwen and covered it thoroughly.
- Members expressed concern that more work could have been done on Adult Social Care and the challenge of integration of Public Health to the Local Authority, but due to Committee's time restraints it was not possible.
- Members requested exception type reports on Adult Social Care to aid monitoring outcomes and progress.
- Members would like to know what kind of information the Overview and Scrutiny Committees should be receiving regularly to monitor the progress.
- Members expressed that they were worried about the financial budgets as opposed to services.
- Members need to look at figures of the underperforming areas and then scrutinise the specific areas to enable better outcomes.
- Members felt that Overview and Scrutiny Committees must be part of the solution and should not be expected to come up with all the answers.
- Members felt that the financial budget report given to Members does not give useful details as required and last year the transformational information and detailed budget report did not work.

- Members highlighted that the Council has no control over private sectors which can be difficult.

It was reported that the responses and outcomes of these discussions would form an outline for the Annual review of Scrutiny on the 7th April 2014.

RESOLVED –

- 1) That the Committees work programmes be noted
- 2) That a date be sought for a collaborative enquiry between the Health and Wellbeing Board, Overview and Scrutiny Committee and external partners.

Signed.....

Chair of the meeting at which the Minutes were signed

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