

## PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2022.

Present- Councillor J. Slater, in the Chair, Councillors Harling, Hardman, Smith and Whittingham.

Also Present- Paul Conlon, Democratic Services

### 1. Welcome and Apologies

The chair welcomed those present to the meeting.

### 2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022.

The minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> September were submitted.

**RESOLVED-** that the minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the chair.

### 3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

### 4. Terms of Reference for the Committee

The Committee received draft terms of reference for the consideration. The terms of reference had been drawn up to assist members in their work and give a greater understanding of the issues that were to be scrutinised by the Committee and how this could be done. The comments of the Committee would be forwarded to the Policy and Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee for consideration.

**RESOLVED-** That the terms of reference for the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted.

### 5. Quality Care Homes in the Borough

The Committee looked at the issue of Quality Care Homes in the Borough and the issues that they would raise with the Strategic Director at the next meeting and agreed a focus for a meeting to take place with the Strategic Director to look at the provision of care for adults in the borough.

The Committee would wish to focus on the following –

Can we look at the journey of a typical person going in to care, a person with specific needs and a person discharged from hospital?

What is the current situation within the borough regarding care homes?

How do we ensure we have and then maintain quality in the boroughs care home provision?

Where do we stand legally on the provision of care homes in the borough?

Do we have a duty to provide care homes?

What happens if we have not got enough provision in the borough to meet need?

How would we deal with a provider withdrawing services at short notice?

Is the care market in the borough sustainable?

How does the Health and Wellbeing Boards Ageing Well Strategy tie in with care home provision?

What would happen if a care home in the borough was suddenly closed? How would we deal with this?

The Committee discussed the way that the care homes affected the lives of many elderly people in the borough.

**RESOLVED-** That the next meeting of the Committee focus on the issue of Care Homes in the Borough and in particular issues of provision of quality.

## 6. Progress of the Task Group looking at Leisure, Leisure Centre Usage and Re:fresh.

The Task Group met on 1<sup>st</sup> November at Blackburn Leisure Centre and discussed with officers from the Public Health and Operational Services Department a number of issues that the committee had included in its scope of the topic.

- The scope of the refresh offer and who it was targeted to benefit
- The current offer and how this has developed historically
- The funding for the initiative both historically, now and in the near future.
- How users access the programme
- Booking arrangements for sessions
- Availability issues
- How leisure centres were dealing with the issues caused by the economic situation
- How leisure centres sought to attract people to centres and the methods used.

### **RESOLVED-**

1. That the Executive Member be requested to report to a future meeting of the Committee on how the changes in the future funding for Re fresh will be managed, how this will impact on service provision and the impact on Leisure Centres.
2. That the Executive Member be requested to look at how accessibility to the re: fresh Programme is managed with particular regard to issues relating to digital bookings which may exclude some sections of the community.
3. That the Executive Member be requested to report back to the Committee on how reductions of funding will impact on the health of the borough and how the work on going in partnerships that could help mitigate this.

Chair at the meeting where the minutes were  
agreed.....

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