

PEOPLE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Monday, 3 December 2018

PRESENT – Councillors: Liddle (Chair), Afzal, Akhtar P, Casey, Daley, Khonat, Oates, Smith D, and Whittle.

OFFICERS – Councillor Brian Taylor, Councillor Maureen Bateson, Jayne Ivory, Jeanette Richards, Shirley Goodhew, Abdul Mulla, Elizabeth Clarkson, Aliyah Patel, Aliyah Shah, Sameer Ali, Amine Gherensi, Elle Walsh, Paul Conlon and Firoza Hafeji

RESOLUTIONS

1 **Welcome and Apologies**

Following introductions the Chair welcomed Members to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Jacqueline Slater. The Chair also welcomed Shirley Goodhew, Public Health Consultant, to her first meeting of the Committee.

2 **Declarations of Interest in items on this Agenda**

There were no declarations of interest received.

3 **Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd September 2018**

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the last meeting held on 3rd September 2018 were approved as a correct record and were duly signed by the Chair.

4 **Clinical Commissioning treatment of Varicose Veins Consultation on revised policy**

Members were updated on the response to the Clinical Commissioning groups consultation on treatment of Varicose Veins and the comments of Members on the change to the provision of services to people with varicose veins were noted. Given the pattern of the Committee meetings it had not been possible to consider the issue at a formal meeting so the views of Members had been sought. A corporate response had been sent in October 2018. The Committee would be kept informed of progress and any changes to the policy arising from the consultation and subsequent decision.

The Committee discussed the way that the views of Members had been obtained to provide a corporate response to the consultation and agreed that this method should be used where necessary in the future. Where consensus cannot be obtained for the response alternative methods would be accessed.

RESOLVED -

1. That the responses to the CCG consultation on the future treatment of Varicose Veins be noted
2. That in future, where necessary, views of Members be sought in a similar way to enable a response to Statutory Consultations to be made within timescales required.

Update from Youth Forum

The Committee were provided with an update from the Youth Forum which highlighted that the Youth MP alongside members of the Youth Forum attended the annual UK Youth Parliament House of Commons sitting. The top 5 national issues of the "Make Your Mark Campaign" were debated throughout the day which included:

- Mental Health
- Equal Pay for Equal Work
- Votes at 16
- End Knife Crime
- Tackling Homelessness

The top three "Make your Mark issues" in Blackburn with Darwen were shared as:

- Mental Health
- Equal Pay for Equal Work
- Let's End Knife Crime

On 28th November 2018 the 5th annual Takeover Challenge was hosted where over 75 young people from secondary schools and colleges attended the event held at King George's Hall. The focus of the event was looking at tackling the issues of food poverty and period poverty in the Borough.

RESOLVED - That the work of the Youth Forum be noted.

5 Mental Health - Adolescence

The Chair thanked Members for attending the Mental Health Task and Finish Groups which were held in July, August and October 2018. The task group looked at issues affecting the mental health especially of young people and children and received information on the work that was ongoing in the Borough. The task group looked at how this sought to tackle the issue and improve the outcome.

The Chair welcomed Shirley Goodhew, Public Health Consultant, to present the work covered at the task groups. Shirley presented the Self-Assessment document and asked Members to note and consider the recommendations highlighted in the document. It was noted that out of the 22 recommendations 20 recommendations were proposed by young people. Members were informed that the task group had also received evidence and information from professionals working in the field of mental health and the Committee had looked at the study undertaken by the University of Birmingham Policy Unit entitled "Investing in a Resilient Generation".

The task group compiled evidence throughout their work and arising from this a number of recommendations were put forward for consideration by the People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The recommendations were noted as:

1. Note the outstanding work that is delivered in the Borough by all partners to improve the outcomes for people with mental health issues.

2. Request the Leader, Executive Members for Health and Adult Social Care and Children, Young People & Education to ensure that outcomes highlighted in the Self-Assessment document are delivered through their portfolio work and also to work in partnership to deliver services.
3. That the Lancashire Care Foundation Trust and BwD Clinical Commissioning Group be invited to a future meeting of the People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee to set out their response to the report of the Mental Health Policy Commission and how they would fund any actions they feel necessary in addition to the work that they carry out to meet the current needs of service users.
4. That the service providers be requested to produce a concise directory of services available for all areas of mental health and that this be considered for distribution to those who have first line contact with potential service users and that the provision of the directory digitally be examined as a most effective way of publication and maintaining information in the most relevant and up to date means.

The Executive Member of Health & Adult Social Care and the Executive Member of Children's Young People & Education were asked to take the Committees recommendations to the Executive Board for consideration.

RESOLVED -

- 1) That the Executive Member of Health & Adults Social Care and Shirley Goodhew, Public Health Consultant be thanked for the detailed information.
- 2) That Members noted the recommendations highlighted in the Self-Assessment document.
- 3) That the Executive Member of Health & Adult Social Care and the Executive Member of Children's Young People & Education were requested to take the Committees recommendations forward to the Executive Board for consideration and response.

6 OFSTED Action Plan progress

The Chair welcomed Cllr Bateson, Executive Member for Children's, Young People & Education and Jayne Ivory, Director of Children's Services to outline the outcome of the Ofsted's follow up inspection carried out on 7th November 2018, which had been published on 30th November 2018. The service would now continue to work on ensuring that services to children were the best possible and that these services were developed to meet Children's needs.

RESOLVED – That Cllr Bateson, Executive Member for Children's, Young People & Education and Jayne Ivory, Director of Children's Services be thanked for the verbal update which was noted by Members.

7 Committee's Work Programme for 2018-2019

The Committee considered the work programme for the final People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee, in this municipal year, the Committee wished to:

- Invite Nancy Palmer, Independent Chair of the Safeguarding Board to look at the Ofsted recommendations relating to Safeguarding and progress made.

- Invite Councillor Maureen Bateson, Executive Member for Children, Young People & Education and Jayne Ivory, Director of Children's Services & Education to look at strategic multi-agency approach to ensure that children who are suffering neglect are helped and protected at the earliest opportunity.
- Invite Councillor Julie Gunn, Chair of Corporate Parenting Specialist Advisory Group, to present an update report for the year.

RESOLVED – That the work programme for the next People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted.

Signed:

Date:

Chair of the meeting
at which the minutes were confirmed