

PEOPLE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Monday, 10 June 2019

PRESENT – Councillors Liddle (Chair), Afzal, P Akhtar, Salton, Julie Slater, Jacqueline Slater, D Smith and Whittle.

OFFICERS –

Cllr Bateson - Executive Member for Children's, Young People & Education
Cllr Desai - Executive Member for Adult Services & Prevention
Cllr Talbot - Executive Member for Public Health & Wellbeing
Cllr B Taylor - Assistant Exec Member for Public Health & Wellbeing
Jayne Ivory - Director of Children's Services
Sayyed Osman - Director of Adults and Prevention
Dominic Harrison – Director of Public Health & Well-being
Shirley Goodhew – Consultant in Public Health
Paul Lee - Head of Safeguarding, Community Protection & Specialist Services
Elizabeth Clarkson - Young People's Services
Paul Conlon - Governance & Democratic Technical Lead
Firoza Hafeji - Governance Officer

IN ATTENDANCE – Kelcey Firth – Bwd Youth Forum Member

RESOLUTIONS

1 Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors I Hussain and Oates.

The Chair informed the Committee that Kelcey Firth, BwD Youth Forum member, had attended the meeting to update Members on BwD Youth Forum.

Kelcey explained that the youth forum was planning their Integration event as part of The Great Get Together event in memory of Jo Cox. The event was named "Eat, Rave, Repeat" and was scheduled to take place at Restricted Rocks on Saturday 22nd June 2019.

The Committee heard that the event would host a silent disco which would promote different music cultures, a selection of different foods from across the world, a large inflatable obstacle course, arts and crafts and face painting. Integration team had allocated a budget for the event and 150 tickets had been purchased to distribute to families across BwD, who would not normally attend an event like this.

Members were informed that YPS Participation and Youth Voice had successfully renewed their certificate for another year; in addition the YPS SEND Inclusion had also successfully achieved renewal.

Kelcey stated that following the 2017 Takeover Challenge on mental health, young people fed back that they wanted an online mental health website that they were able to access 365 days a year. In April 2019, following

consultation with Public Health, Kooth had now been commissioned. The statistics were looking good for the first month and assemblies and meetings were taking place to promote the resource.

2 Declarations of Interest in items on this Agenda

There were no declarations of interest received.

3 Minutes of the meeting held on the 4th March 2019

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the last meeting held on the 4th March 2019 were approved as a correct record and were duly signed by the Chair.

4 The Corporate Plan and Scrutiny Work Programme

The Chair invited Dominic Harrison, Director of Public Health & Well-being and Shirley Goodhew, Consultant in Public Health to update the Committee on Mental Health which was a legacy from the previous municipal year. It was noted that the Mental Health system was currently being redesigned using a new scheme from Cumbria to address the issues identified.

Members heard that Shirley was working in partnership with CCG to look at mental health services and identify ways to bridge the gaps.

The Committee were updated on the progress made which identified that a Mental Health Practitioner was being appointed for each of the seven School Improvement Groups. Also a mother and baby unit had recently opened in Chorley to support patients with mental health.

Update from Executive Members

The Chair invited Executive Members, Cllr Damion Talbot, Cllr Maureen Bateson and Cllr Mustafa Desai alongside relevant Directors to update the Committee on their portfolio priorities for 2019/20. Members noted the challenges each portfolio faced.

Corporate Plan 2019 - 2023

The Committee received a presentation by Paul Conlon, Governance & Democratic Technical Lead, on the new Corporate Plan 2019 – 2023 which covered Councils key objectives. It was noted that Policy Council in December 2018 agreed that a new Corporate Plan 2019-2023 be developed, underpinned by a refreshed performance framework.

Members heard that four strategic themes had been identified and underpinned by eight corporate priorities set out below:

People - A good quality of life for all of our residents

- P1. Supporting young people and raising aspirations
- P2. Safeguarding and supporting the most vulnerable people
- P3. Reducing health inequalities and improving health outcomes

Place - Community pride in a vibrant place to live and visit

- P4. Connected Communities
- P5. Safe and clean environment

Economy – A strong and inclusive economy with continued growth

P6. Strong, growing economy to enable social mobility

P7. Supporting our town centres and businesses

Council - Delivered by a strong and resilient council

P8. Transparent and effective organisation

Four cross-cutting themes underpin the Plan – digital; partnership working; fairness for all; and promoting and celebrating the Borough.

The new Corporate Plan sets out the policy priorities for the Council from 2019-2023 and replaces the existing six corporate priorities which were developed in 2012.

RESOLVED - That the Executive Members be invited to an informal meeting to discuss their portfolio priorities in detail which would then be shared at the next People Overview & Scrutiny Committee scheduled for 9th September 2019.

Signed:

Date:

Chair of the meeting
at which the minutes were confirmed