

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Health and Adult Social Care and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee**
held on Thursday, 14th September, 2017 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3,
Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor J Saunders (Chairman)
Councillor B Dooley (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors G Baxendale, S Brookfield, E Brooks, S Edgar, O Hunter, L Jeuda, J Rhodes, L Smetham, A Stott and M Deakin

ALSO PRESENT

J Clowes- Portfolio Holder for Adult Care and Integration
P Bates- Portfolio Holder for Finance and Communities
F Reynolds- Director of Public Health
K Hercules- Partnerships Manager
D Coyne- Engagement Officer
L Chikwira- Community Cohesion Manager

21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors C Chapman, R Bailey S Pochin and M Warren.

22 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

24 DECLARATION OF PARTY WHIP

There were no declarations of the existence of a party whip.

25 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

Sue Helliwell from Alsager advised the Committee that a grant of £1,500 had been awarded by the Council to a community group in her area specifically to assist children with healthy eating and Zumba classes. This grant had been well received and had made a big difference to the children who participated, Sue added that she hoped the scheme would be rolled out again in the future.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That Sue be thanked for her comments;

- (b) That Helen Davies feedback to Dan Coyne in the Partnerships team as an example of positive customer service.

26 LOCAL SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

This item was postponed until 12 October.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That consideration of this matter be deferred until the 12 October 2017; and
- (b) That the new chair of the Local Safeguarding Adults Board (LSAB) Chair, Geoffrey Appleton be asked to include the LSA referral process as part of his presentation.

27 PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING UPDATE

Dan Coyne, Engagement Officer within the Partnerships team attended the meeting to present an update on the last Participatory Budgeting (PB) event Cheshire East Council had organised.

Dan explained that PB was a method of community engagement that enabled the community to take on the role of a commissioner and make decisions (that related to grant funding) using part of a public budget. Cheshire East organised a PB event and invested £400k of grant funding across the borough with local community groups.

The event received national recognition, and received an Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE) award in 2017.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That Dan be thanked for his presentation; and
- (b) That the presentation be received and noted.

28 COMMUNITY COHESION STRATEGY

Loreen Chikwira, Community Cohesion Manager, attended the meeting to update the Committee on the Cheshire East Community Cohesion Strategy.

The Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) had provided guidance to Local Authorities on cohesion, which underpinned the strategy for Cheshire East Council.

The Partnerships team had chosen to develop an asset based approach to community cohesion. This involved assessment of the resources, skills and experience available within a community, and then identifying the issues relevant to that particular community and encouraging the community to utilise what it already had.

The Council had undertaken an intensive outreach work specifically with multi ethnic groups within Crewe. This exercise had helped to develop the borough wide Community Cohesion Strategy that would be launched in draft format in March 2018 ahead of public consultation.

The key outputs for the Community Cohesion Strategy were:

- That it was embedded in all corporate/operational strategies;
- Community involvement and empowerment;
- Partnership working;
- Sustainability;
- Transparency- working to make things better.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That Loreen Chikwira be thanked for her presentation
- (b) That the presentation be received and noted.

29 **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee reviewed its Work Programme.

RESOLVED-

- (a) That an update on Local Safeguarding Adults Board be rescheduled for the 12 October; and
- (b) That all Members of the Children and Families Scrutiny Committee be invited to the 7 December meeting which will deal with the item relating to the Carers Strategy.

30 **FORWARD PLAN**

The Committee reviewed the Forward Plan.

RESOLVED- That the Forward Plan be received and noted.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 12.06 pm

Councillor J Saunders (Chairman)