

As of 14/11/2011

Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee: September 2011 – April 2012

Portfolio Holder – Roland Domleo

Historical Record

Date of Meeting	Agenda Setting Meeting	Topic	Purpose/Key issues (including origin)	Comments post meeting
20 July 2011	11 July 2011	Disabled Facilities Grant and Home Improvement Grant	A review of Home Improvement Agency services was carried out in 2010 with a view to streamlining the service into 1 service across Cheshire East, to improve delivery of Disabled Facilities Grants. A procurement process has been undertaken and once tenders have been evaluated a report will be submitted to Cabinet either recommending awarding a contract, or recommending bringing the service in-house. This is very much tied up with adult social care redesign, and the HIA is the main delivery agent for the Disabled Facilities Grants	That the Committee receive robust figures in terms of the potential cost savings as a result of DFGs at a future meeting in order for a potential case to be constructed for increasing Cheshire East's budget contribution and to have conversations with health partners regarding match funding.
		Think Local Act Personal – A National Strategy for Local Implementation	To consider the strategy prior to Cabinet decision on 1 August 2011.	That it be recommended to the Director of Adults, Community, Health and Wellbeing that alternative means be sought in terms of communicating information about Adult Social Care services to the public alongside the on-

				<p>line citizen portal.</p> <p>That the Committee continue to monitor the personalisation agenda to assess its effectiveness for vulnerable people.</p> <p>That the Committee receive regular updates on the Adult Social Care service, including allocated budget, spend and impact on service users.</p>
		Adult Social Care Budget	To receive a verbal brief outlining pressure points on budget	<p>That the Committee review the efficacy of the six week free support policy at a future meeting.</p> <p>That the Committee consider an item on 'invest to save' policies at every formal meeting, the results of which to be potentially fed into the Budget Task and Finish Group.</p>
22 September 2011	11 July 2011	Management Structure Update	To receive verbal brief	That the Committee receive a detailed breakdown of the adults' budget, including statutory and discretionary (ring fenced and non ring fenced) elements and information on overspend and under spend.
		Ofsted Inspection of Safeguarding and looked after children services	To consider the report	That the number relating to the percentage of households with Adult Mental Health issues with children present be circulated to the Committee for information.

				<p>That in six months, the Strategic Director bring back the following to the Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Progress made against areas for improvement relevant to the Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee with measurable and time related outcomes. b) Information on the further steps that were taken to demonstrate Cheshire East's ambition to become at least good if not outstanding in the forthcoming years. <p>That it be noted that a consultation on the inspection framework was being undertaken by OFSTED.</p>
		Q1 Performance/Finance Report		<p>That the Quarter 1 Performance/Finance Report be brought to a future meeting.</p> <p>That for future meetings, the budget report presented to Cabinet be brought to Scrutiny with a report outlining the potential implications and reasons behind the figures.</p>
		Strategy for Carers in East Cheshire 2011-15	Members to consider the strategy	<p>That the Strategy for Carer's 2011-2015 be noted.</p> <p>That progress on the implementation</p>

				<p>plan be brought back to the Committee in six months time and this include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Measureable and time-related outcomes b) Progress on the development and efficacy of an inter-agency dialogue process to flag up issues regarding young carers' needs. <p>That it be recommended to Cabinet that they lobby the government and local MPs for more respite provision for carers and for perverse benefit outcomes to be stopped.</p> <p>That the point concerning supporting carers once they stop being a carer be fed to the Carer's Interagency Group and that the result of this be circulated to the Committee.</p>
		Care Quality Commission		<p>That the presentation be noted</p> <p>That the Committee join the CQC national sounding board.</p>
		Work Programme update		<p>That a Task and Finish Review on the future arrangements/provision of residential care be established with the following Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Councillor Peter Raynes b) Councillor Laura Jeuda c) Councillor Frank Keegan

				<p>d) Councillor Dorothy Flude e) Councillor Irene Faseyi</p> <p>That the Quarter 2 Performance/Finance report be added to the work programme and for it to include emerging budget proposals for 2012/13.</p> <p>That a full structure chart be distributed to the Committee.</p>
27 October 2011		Briefing Report on the financial position of the Adults Social Care Budget.	Members to consider	<p>That the report be noted</p> <p>That Lucia Scally bring back any available information to the Committee with regards to the work that was being undertaken to inform self funders about their care options.</p> <p>That Lucia Scally bring back information on what the service was doing in terms of analysing the potential number of self funders returning to Cheshire East care and the impacts of this as part of the next budgetary report</p> <p>That the Committee receive a ½ day training session on the Adult Services budget to firstly provide a foundation on how the Adult Social care budget was formulated and secondly to go over the number of areas of possible</p>

				<p>interest, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detail on growth pressures (e.g. older people and learning disabilities) and policies aimed to mitigate this (e.g. re-ablement) • Care4CE – the shift from internal provision to Direct Payments and external provision and the impact of this. • Comparisons with other local authorities to explore whether we are getting value for money and whether they have different growth pressures <p>That the Committee receive regular quarterly budget reports.</p>
		Work Programme.	To be considered and amended as appropriate	<p>That the work programme be noted</p> <p>That an item on the Empower Card be brought to a subsequent Committee as soon as possible.</p> <p>That a Q2 performance and finance report be brought to the informal meeting scheduled for the 21 December 2011.</p> <p>That the Scrutiny Officer make enquiries regarding the attendance of Cheshire East MPs at an Adult Social Care Committee meeting.</p>

Next Agenda Setting Meeting: 3/11/2011

Ongoing items/reviews/Monitoring Papers

Item	Reporting:	Committee Meeting							
		22/9	27/10	22/11	21/12	18/1	28/2	15/3	17/4
Safeguarding	When appropriate								
Performance/Finance report	Quarterly		X		X			X	
The Cheshire and Wirral Councils' Joint Scrutiny Committee	Monitor minutes of meetings when appropriate		X				X		

Possible Future Issues / Items (Chronology)

Meeting dates:

21 December 2011 (informal), 18 January 2012, 28 February 2012 (informal), 15 March 2011, 17 April 2012 (informal), 9 May 2012

Item	Corporate Priority / Targets	Notes	Suggested Action	Due Date and Status
Q2 Performance/Finance Report	Prepare for an increasingly older population	To include emerging budgetary proposals.		December 2011 On track
Disabled Facilities Grant	Prepare for an increasingly older population. Drive out the causes of poor health.	Follow up from action suggested in July 2011	Committee to receive business case for increased investment into DFGs.	January 2012 On track
Local Involvement Network (LINK) – Work Programme; Future arrangements and transition to Local Healthwatch	Prepare for an increasingly older population. Drive out the causes of poor health.			January 2012 Deferred from November 2011
Carers Strategy	Prepare for an increasingly older population	Following from report in September 2011 – Committee to follow up on actions. Review of implementation plan.		April 2011 On track
OFSTED Report – Safeguarding and Looked After children services	Support our children and young people		Committee to receive	April 2011 On track

Items to be considered:

- Wishing Well (post Age Concern)
- Commissioning Strategy/Whole System Commissioning – GP Consortia Pilot
- Development of a protocol for informing the public about changes in social care arrangements
- Charging policy
- New Dementia Unit and Hollins View – Business Case
- Personalisation agenda
- Empower card

Training Requirements/Site Visits:

- Explanation of Department functions along with emerging policy context for ASC

Disregarded / Discontinued Items

Item	Date	Reason
Understanding the personalisation agenda	11/07/2011	Included in 'Think Local, Act Personal' item
Support for Carers	11/08/2011	Superseded by Carers Strategy
Understanding the 'lifestyle concept' including lifestyle centres	14/09/2011	To be considered by H&WB Committee
Review of the efficiency of people who self fund social care	07.10.2011	To be considered as part of the residential provision T&F review.

Task Groups – potential/current/completed

Title	Notes	Actions
Dementia Services	Postponed due to election. Agreed to continue the work of the T&F group	Reconvened – expected to report
Future Arrangements/Provision of Residential Care	<p>At the meeting of the Council on 21 April 2011 a Notice of Motion had been submitted by Councillors D Flude and C Thorley regarding instability in the residential care market in Cheshire East and its potential impact on the finances of the Council. It was requested that a Scrutiny Committee Task and Finish Group be set up to determine the best means of managing demand for residential care including demand from returning self funders.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the matter be referred to the Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee with a view to them examining the matter and reporting back on:</p>	Membership agreed 22/9.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The stability of the residential care market in Cheshire East • The availability of residential care at affordable prices in Cheshire East • The success or otherwise of current measures to manage the demand for residential care in Cheshire East. • The success or otherwise of measures to support self funders to remain independent of Council funding for longer 	
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Dates of Future Cabinet Meetings

28 November 2011, 5 December 2011, 9 January 2012, 6 February 2012, 5 March 2012, 2 April 2012 and 30 April 2012.

Dates of Future Council Meetings

15 December 2011, 23 February 2012, 19 April 2012 and 16 May 2012.