

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a virtual meeting of the **Health and Adult Social Care and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee**
held on Thursday, 4th February, 2021

PRESENT

Councillor A Moran (Vice-Chairman in the Chair)

Councillors J Barber, S Brookfield, J Clowes, A Critchley, D Edwardes, B Evans, S Gardiner, D Murphy, J Parry, P Redstone, R Vernon, S Edgar, J Weatherill and J Saunders

PORTFOLIO HOLDERS IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor M Houston, Deputy Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care & Health
Councillor L Jeuda, Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health; Deputy Leader of the Labour Group
Councillor J Rhodes, Portfolio Holder for Public Health and Corporate Services

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Chris Allman, Head of Neighbourhood Services**
Paul Bayley, Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services**
Jill Broomhall, Director of Adult Social Care
Linda Couchman, Acting Strategic Director of Adult Social Care and Health
Peter Hartwell, Chief Executive (Everybody Sport and Recreation)**
Madeleine Lowry, Associate Director of Operations (Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust)*
Nichola Thompson, Director of Commissioning
Dr Matt Tyrer, Director of Public Health

* Attended for Minute No. 79 only

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74 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor L Wardlaw (substituted for by Councillor S Edgar) and Councillor N Wylie (substituted for by Councillor J Saunders).

75 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED –

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 January 2021, be approved as correct record and signed by the Chairman.

76 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

77 DECLARATION OF PARTY WHIP

There were no declarations of a party whip.

78 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public present who wished to speak.

79 COVID-19 UPDATE

Consideration was given to an update on the most recent data trends and local response work relating to Covid-19, as well as the position regarding care homes and the care market.

Members asked questions and put comments in relation to;

- the recent trend in rates of non-Covid related hospitals;
- the local track and trace programme established in Cheshire East;
- whether any cases of Covid-19 variants had been identified in the borough;
- the process by which local businesses and organisations could enquire about their premises/assets being utilised to support the mass vaccination programme;
- whether there was any evidence that the mixing of types of Covid-19 vaccinations (between the initial jab and booster) had negative implications on a person, and that greater assurances needed to be given to the public to support the high levels of engagement with the mass vaccination programme; and
- whether the pandemic had given public health teams a greater impetus to continue or rollout new campaigns to promote healthy eating and lifestyles.

RESOLVED –

That the update be received and noted.

80 EVERYBODY SPORT AND RECREATION (ESAR) ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2019/20

Consideration was given to the annual performance report of Everybody Sport and Recreation (ESAR) for 2019/20, which provided details of its strategic and financial aims, as well as performance achieved in the previous municipal year.

Members asked questions and put comments in relation to;

- the forthcoming Strategic Leisure Review and whether the data from this financial year – which would be greatly impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic – would impact the outcomes of the review;
- the indicative costs that the carbon reduction improvements had been forecasted as;
- the impacts that the pandemic had had on the retention and wellbeing of ESAR staff; and
- how many of ESAR’s volunteer roles had been earmarked for full-time employment positions.

The committee noted and praised the proactive effort made by ESAR to quickly establish a robust online offer of fitness classes.

RESOLVED –

- 1 That the report be received and noted.
- 2 That the specific figures related to the number of volunteer roles earmarked by ESAR for potential full-time employment positions, be circulated to the committee outside of the meeting.

81 FORWARD PLAN

The committee considered the council’s Forward Plan of key decisions and, following the previous agenda item on ESAR, queried the decision that had been taken on ‘Congleton Leisure Centre Redevelopment Project’.

It was advised that this had been a decision taken by the Portfolio Holder for Communities on 22 December 2020.

RESOLVED –

That the Forward Plan be noted.

82 WORK PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to the current work programme.

RESOLVED –

That the work programme be agreed.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 11.47 am

Councillor A Moran (Vice-Chairman in the Chair)

