

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Adults and Health Committee**
held on Monday, 24th July, 2023 in the Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor J Rhodes (Chair)
Councillor A Moran (Vice-Chair)

Councillors S Adams, A Burton, D Clark, J Clowes, N Cook, D Edwardes,
M Edwards, S Gardiner and J Place

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Roisin Beressi, Principal Lawyer (Adults & Education)
Shelley Brough, Acting Director of Commissioning and Integration
Stephen Kelly, Senior Communications Officer
Helen Charlesworth-May, Executive Director Adults, Health and Integration
Karen Shuker, Democratic Services Officer
Dr Matt Tyrer, Director of Public Health
Nikki Wood-Hill, Lead Finance Business Partner

9 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Kolker and L Wardlaw.

10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor A Moran declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 6 – Provisional Financial Outturn 2022/23 as he was Chairman of ANSA and TSS.

Councillor N Cook declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of her being a volunteer trustee of the Alternative Futures Group.

11 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 June 2023 be approved as a correct record.

12 PUBLIC SPEAKING/OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public present.

13 CHESHIRE EAST FALLS PREVENTION STRATEGY

The committee considered a report which provided a summary of the work that had taken place to develop the new Cheshire East Falls prevention strategy 2023-2026. The strategy had been co-produced by a multi-agency partnership steering group and then refined via a formal consultation process which took place from 16 January – 27 March 2023.

In response to questions and comments raised by Members, Officers reported that

- As the remedies for falls outside the home was outside the remit of the Falls prevention Strategy from an adults perspective, a sentence will be added in to the strategy which will set out how falls outside of the home will be dealt with.
- In respect of raising awareness nationally the Council would be engaging in 'National Falls Awareness Week' with an extensive local campaign.
- Engagement with the u3a organisation would take place in the future as part of the wider engagement with the Voluntary Community Enterprise Sector
- The draft action plan would be updated with roles, responsibilities and costings.
- The multi-agency steering group would be monitoring the progress of the strategy against the action plan and updates would be brought back to committee.
- Early intervention was key and more work was required nationally as well as locally around the stigma and perception associated with falls.

RESOLVED:

That the Adults and Health Committee

1. Endorse the adoption of the new Cheshire East Falls Prevention Strategy subject to a sentence being included in the strategy which set out that issues that caused falls outside of the home were dealt with elsewhere.
2. Approve the report being circulated to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

14 FINAL OUTTURN 2022/23

The committee received the report which provided an overview of the Cheshire East Council provisional outturn for the financial year 2022/23 and the financial performance of the Council relevant to the committee's remit.

Concerns were raised in respect of the strategic risk across adult social care being downgraded and assurance was sought that the council did not lose sight of those risks. Officers offered reassurance that those elements

contributing to risk were being managed and mitigations had been put in place. However there was recognition that there was still potential risk

In respect to the reference in the report to support for Ukrainian and Afghanistan schemes, officers reported that discussions were ongoing with the Home Office on their approach to placement of asylum seekers and an update would be provided to the appropriate committee in due course.

In respect of the request for a breakdown of mechanisms and how the Council recoups deferred debt, officers reported that discussions were ongoing with the finance team on debt collection. A consultation on the charging policy which would be presented to committee at a future date would contain proposals in respect of changing the point at which the Council started charging and the implications of that for debt.

RESOLVED:-

That the Adults and Health Committee:

1. Note the report of the Corporate Policy Committee ([Agenda for Corporate Policy Committee on Tuesday, 11th July, 2023, 10.00 am | Cheshire East Council](#)).
2. Note the financial performance of the Council in the 2022/23 financial year relevant to their terms of reference.
3. Note the delegated decisions relating to supplementary revenue estimates for specific grants coded directly to services in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules as detailed in Section 2 of each Committee Appendix (Annex 2).
4. Note the update on performance with regard to the MTFS 2023-27 approved budget policy change items, in respect of Services within the remit of the Committee (Annex 3).

15 COVID-19 UPDATE

The committee received a report which provided an update on the recovery and reset from the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic, including an update on current epidemiology and vaccination statistics.

In response to members comments and questions officers reported that

- anti-vaccination campaigns which had stepped up through the pandemic had impacted on the measles vaccination programme so a concerted effort was underway to target those hard-to-reach groups.
- In respect of the revamping of public health campaigns members input on the design and implementation would be welcomed.

- the cautious approach to infectious diseases remained but national policy in respect of how people respond to the pandemic was to ensure people maintained their personal choice and autonomy.
- Work with local resilience partners continued, an emergency planning preparation exercise had taken place in respect of measles.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

16 WORK PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to the committee's work programme.

Members requested that consideration be given to:-

- the timings for the September meeting in respect of publishing the agenda and the all committee briefing.
- the potential to arrange an October meeting as September and November meetings both had heavy agendas.

Officers would consider whether briefings could be used more effectively to update members on the more substantive items rather than just updating members on the agenda for the meeting, and whether all the requests for items to be brought forward would all fall under the remit of the Adults and Health Committee.

RESOLVED:

That the work programme be noted.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 11.38 am

Councillor J Rhodes (Chair)