

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Health and Adult Social Care and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee**
held on Thursday, 8th November, 2018 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3,
Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor S Gardiner (Chairman)
Councillor B Dooley (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Rhoda Bailey, G Baxendale, S Brookfield, E Brooks, L Durham, S Edgar, C Green, G Hayes, L Jeuda, D Mahon, A Moran and J Rhodes

PORTFOLIO HOLDERS IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor J Clowes – Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Integration

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jill Broomhall, Director of Adult Social Care
Linda Couchman, Acting Strategic Director of Adult Social Care and Health
Dr Sinead Clarke, Clinical Director (NHS South Cheshire CCG & NHS Vale Royal CCG)
Nichola Glover-Edge, Director of Commissioning
Roger Jones, Sector Manager for Cheshire (North West Ambulance Service)
Debbie Mallett, Service Development Manager, Cheshire and Merseyside (North West Ambulance Service)
Alex Mitchell, Interim Chief Accountable Officer (NHS Eastern Cheshire CCG)
Fiona Reynolds, Director of Public Health
Tracey Shewan, Executive Director of Quality and Safeguarding (NHS South Cheshire CCG & NHS Vale Royal CCG)
Anustha Sivananthan, Medical Director (Cheshire and Wirral Partnership)
Nick Sutcliffe, Consultant Paramedic (North West Ambulance Service)

52 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor I Faseyi.

53 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 October, 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

54 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

55 DECLARATION OF PARTY WHIP

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

56 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public present that expressed an interest in speaking.

57 NORTH WEST AMBULANCE SERVICE PERFORMANCE UPDATE

Pursuant to Minute No. 82 (Health and Adult Social Care and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 2017/18), the North West Ambulance Service (NWAS) submitted a report outlining performance in Cheshire East against national standards.

Consideration was given to the report and members asked questions relating to;

- how performance in Cheshire East compared to other areas of the country;
- how the required financial savings to be made through 2018/19 would impact on service capacity and delivery and consequently, Cheshire East residents;
- how effective the partnership working and joint arrangements between NWAS and local NHS bodies had been in supporting the effective delivery of services in a challenging financial climate; and
- the potential implications on staff recruitment and retention following the outcome of Brexit.

The NWAS Sector Manager for Cheshire and NWAS Service Development Manager for Cheshire and Merseyside provided the committee with assurances that, in spite of the growing financial pressure, savings had successfully been made through improving internal efficiencies.

One of the key aims established by NWAS and health partners was to ensure that a greater proportion of patients that call 999 would be able to remain and be treated safely at home.

RESOLVED

That NWAS be invited to attend a meeting of the committee in approximately twelve months, to provide a further update on performance.

58 MY LIFE, MY CHOICE: A STRATEGY FOR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

Consideration was given to a newly drafted strategy for people with learning disabilities in Cheshire East, which aimed to ensure that all individuals with learning disabilities can live a healthy, happy and independent life, with choice and control over the care they receive.

Members asked questions about:

- how the advocacy service is integrated within, or would work alongside, the proposed strategy, and
- whether there had been a positive level of engagement from both maintained and academy schools within the borough.

RESOLVED

That the proposed strategy be supported and endorsed by the committee.

59 PATIENT PASSPORT

Consideration was given to a report from the Director for Public Health on the Personal Care Record project: a digital wellbeing project to enable residents to access their information via an electronic personal care record on the Live Well portal.

The committee raised comments and asked questions regarding:

- whether this project would increase risks to the council in relation to compliance with the new General Data Protection Regulations introduced in May 2018, and
- that more consideration should be given to the impacts of this project on certain minority groups, for example, non-English speaking and transient communities.

RESOLVED

That the Director for Public Health endeavour to consider more specific information on the potential implications of the Personal Care Record project to certain community or minority groups.

60 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL ADULT SOCIAL CARE LOCAL ACCOUNT 2017/18

The committee considered the annual Adult Social Care Local Account report for 2017/18, which provided an overview of the range of adult social care services provided by the council, how they are delivered, and what the main achievements have been during the last year.

In response to concerns expressed by members on the potential implications to Cheshire East residents following Allied Healthcare filing for protection from its creditors, the Acting Executive Director for People advised that the council had received assurances that this situation would not impact significantly on the Cheshire East locality.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

61 UPDATE ON PROPOSED BUSINESS CASES FOLLOWING PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON ADULT'S AND OLDER PEOPLES MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN EASTERN CHESHIRE

Pursuant to Minute No. 41 (Health and Adult Social Care and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 2018/19), the committee considered a report submitted jointly by the Cheshire and Wirral Partnership, NHS Eastern Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), and NHS South Cheshire & Vale Royal CCG, which reported how the comments and feedback received during the consultation and conscientious consideration periods had been taken into account in the final decision-making business cases to be submitted to the governing bodies of the CCGs.

Questions were put to the attending officers in relation to;

- the timescales for delivering this planned redesign of mental health services;
- whether the consulted options had placed an over-reliance on third sector service providers; and
- whether the involved organisations and bodies would be able to recruit enough staff with the required qualifications to deliver the proposed community crisis service model.

RESOLVED

That the NHS Eastern Cheshire CCG keep the committee informed of future decisions and developments relating to the redesign of mental health services.

62 FORWARD PLAN

The committee considered the council's Forward Plan for the four month period ending 31 January, 2019.

The Acting Executive Director for People advised that the upcoming key decisions to be taken on the Mental Health Strategy and Cheshire East Integration Strategy would be submitted to Cabinet at a later date than the previously planned 15 January, 2019.

RESOLVED

1. That the Forward Plan be noted.
2. That the reports and supporting documentation for Key Decisions 'CE 18/19-18', 'CE 18/19-10' and 'CE 18/19-22', be circulated to the committee for information.

63 WORK PROGRAMME

The committee considered its current work programme and were advised that the proposed changes made to the programme had been carried out to prioritise the committee's workload and ensure that it could undertake the most effective scrutiny work that would add value to the subject matters being considered.

Members were informed that all four of the council's overview and scrutiny committees would consider the Pre-Budget Consultation 2019-22 in advance of the consultation ending on 14 December 2018. Any comments raised by the committee would be submitted as part of the overall feedback on the consultation.

RESOLVED

That the work programme be approved, subject to the addition of the Pre-Budget Consultation 2019-22 to be considered at the meeting on 6 December, 2018.

The meeting commenced at 10:00am and concluded at 12:45pm

Councillor S Gardiner (Chairman)