

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Health and Adult Social Care and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee**
held on Thursday, 7th November, 2019 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3,
Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor L Wardlaw (Chairman)
Councillor A Moran (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors S Brookfield, J Clowes, D Edwardes, S Edgar, M Goldsmith,
M Houston, D Murphy, P Redstone, R Vernon, J Weatherill and J Saunders

PORTFOLIO HOLDERS IN ATTENDANCE

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
Councillor M Warren, Portfolio Holder for Communities

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jill Broomhall, Director of Adult Social Care
Tracey Cole, Interim Director of Commissioning***
Linda Couchman, Acting Strategic Director of Adult Social Care and Health
Nichola Glover-Edge, Director of Commissioning
Peter Hartwell, Chief Executive Officer, Everybody Sport and Recreation**
Roger Jones, Sector Manager for Cheshire, North West Ambulance Service*
Mark Palethorpe, Acting Executive Director of People
Nick Sutcliffe, Consultant Paramedic, North West Ambulance Service*
Mark Wheelton, Corporate Commissioning Manager – Leisure**

* Attended for Minute No. 45 only

** Attended for Minute No. 46 only

*** Attended for Minute No. 47 only

40 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Critchley, Gardiner
(substituted for by Councillor Edgar), Parry and Wylie (substituted for by
Councillor Saunders).

41 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOVLED –

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 October 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

42 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

43 DECLARATION OF PARTY WHIP

No declarations of a party whip were received.

44 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

The Chairman invited members of the public present to speak to the committee. Ms Debbie Jamison came forward and spoke to the committee in respect of Minute No. 46 (Everybody Sport and Recreation Annual Report 2018/19).

Ms Jamison, who informed members that she was the resident leading on sports and leisure matters in the Knutsford Neighbourhood Plan, invited the committee to ask the officers representing Everybody Sport and Recreation to present information about its on-site user group meetings, and what consultation was planned to be undertaken on the Five-Town Plan.

RESOLVED –

The committee thanked Ms Jamison for her statement.

45 NORTH WEST AMBULANCE SERVICE (NWAS) PERFORMANCE UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report submitted by the North West Ambulance Service (NWAS) that provided an overview of the performance of the 999 emergency ambulance service for the Cheshire East locality against national standards.

Members asked questions and put comments in respect of;

- how NWAS had managed the pressure arising from the challenging financial climate, and which service areas had been reduced or affected as a result of this;
- the role and importance of Core Responders during emergency situations; and
- how the slower response times experienced in the more rural areas of the borough could be improved.

RESOLVED –

That the update be noted.

46 EVERYBODY SPORT AND RECREATION ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19

The committee considered the annual performance report of Everybody Sport and Recreation (ESAR) for 2018/19, which provided details of its strategic and financial aims, and overall performance, from the previous municipal year.

In response to Ms Jamison's statement during Minute No. 44, the committee were advised of how, when and with whom ESAR would consult on its current and future work.

The committee put further questions and comments in relation to;

- how more people could be encouraged and motivated to uptake outdoor exercise;
- how information and data on levels of deprivation in the borough supports and informs the work and strategies of ESAR;
- how ESAR supports and encourages those on lower incomes to access its services;
- how many of the borough's cared-for children take up and engage in ESAR services; and
- how many sites have 'green gym' equipment and trim trails.

RESOLVED –

- 1 That the annual report be noted.
- 2 That further information be provided to the committee in response to its comments and questions on the take-up of services by cared-for children, and which sites have 'green gym' equipment.

47 PRE-BUDGET 2020/21 CONSULTATION

The committee considered the proposals within the Pre-Budget 2020/21 Consultation relating to its remit, with a view to providing its feedback and comments to the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 9 January 2020.

Members asked questions and put comments in respect of;

- the need to provide more background information on the costings and rationale of the Care4CE (item 35) budget proposal;
- concern that funding for the 0-19 Healthy Child Programme should not be reduced and that frontline provision should be increased to support the early intervention and prevention work that could benefit the wider connected services; and

- that the overall direction of how funding was planned to be reduced in certain service areas – proposal nos. 34, 37 and 41 were specifically referenced – may not benefit the overall public health picture in Cheshire East.

The committee also expressed concern regarding proposal no. 58 (Community Budgets funded from New Homes Bonus) and commented that this proposal would impact on the plans and proposals being presently produced by local businesses and town and parish councils across Cheshire East.

RESOLVED –

- 1 That the comments and feedback raised by the committee be collated alongside those of the other overview and scrutiny committees, to be presented to Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 9 January 2020.
- 2 That the council inform local town and parish councils about proposal no. 58 (Community Budgets funded from New Homes Bonus) as soon as possible, to ensure that they are made aware of the potential implications of this in 2020/21.

48 RECOMMISSIONING OF ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Consideration was given to an update report on the progress of the new contract for the assistive technology service.

Members asked questions and put comments in relation to;

- whether the same provision for over-85s applied with the new commission; and
- how many users had been surveyed and how many had responded to the survey.

RESOLVED –

- 1 That the update be noted.
- 2 That a written response be provided outside of the meeting to the question asking how many users were surveyed and how many had responded to the survey.

Councillors Clowes and Edgar left the meeting.

49 FORWARD PLAN

Consideration was given to the council's forward plan of key decisions through to 31 January 2020.

RESOLVED –

That the forward plan be noted.

50 WORK PROGRAMME

The committee reviewed its work programme and noted the upcoming items scheduled to be presented at its next meeting on 5 December 2019.

RESOLVED –

That the work programme be noted.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 12.31 pm

Councillor L Wardlaw (Chairman)