

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Health and Adult Social Care and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee**
held on Thursday, 9th July, 2020 at Virtual Meeting

PRESENT

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

Councillors A Harewood, J Clowes, A Critchley, D Edwardes, B Evans, S Gardiner, M Houston, D Murphy, J Parry, P Redstone, R Vernon, J Weatherill and N Wylie

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

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jill Broomhall, Director of Adult Social Care Operations
Karen Carsberg, Head of Housing
Linda Couchman, Acting Strategic Director of Adult Social Care and Health
Christopher Hutton, Senior Policy Officer
Mark Palethorpe, Executive Director of People
James Sumner, Chief Executive - Mid Cheshire NHS Hospitals Foundation Trust
Nichola Thompson, Director of Commissioning
Dr Matt Tyrer, Interim Director of Public Health
Clare Watson, Chief Executive, Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group
John Wilbraham, Chief Executive, East Cheshire NHS Trust

9 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor S Brookfield, who was substituted for by Councillor A Harewood.

10 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED –

- 1 That the minutes of the formal meeting held on 5 March 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

- 2 That the notes of the informal meeting held on 23 June 2020 be agreed as a correct record and ratified.

11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

12 DECLARATION OF PARTY WHIP

There were no declarations of a party whip.

13 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

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

14 COVID-19 RESPONSE - UPDATE FROM CHESHIRE NHS PARTNERS

The committee welcomed a joint update from NHS Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group, East Cheshire NHS Trust and Mid-Cheshire NHS Foundation Trust, which provided an overview of the initial response by NHS partners in Cheshire East to the Covid-19 pandemic, and ongoing recovery.

Members asked questions and put comments in relation to;

- Reports that considerably lower numbers of people had accessed services, and what was being done to communicate what and how services were operating during the Covid-19 response period;
- What the expected financial implications of Covid-19 were;
- What extra measures had been undertaken to support BAME people, following confirmatory reports that BAME people had been proportionately more impacted by Covid-19 than other backgrounds and ethnicities;
- The upcoming winter and the preparations that had begun to ensure that spikes in Covid-19 cases and potential local lockdowns can be effectively managed;
- The logistics of organising and carrying out flu jabs for a greater number of people this year (all people aged over 50 were to be recommended to get a flu jab this coming winter);
- How the Trusts had managed cancer treatment plans and what impacts Covid-19 and lockdown had on appointments and waiting lists for cancer patients; and
- Had considerations already been given to how the likely increase in presentations of people with mental health and wellbeing concerns could be appropriately managed.

Mr John Wilbraham asked for the point in the officers' presentation to make it clear that "enhanced payments [were made] to those staff able to work additional hours".

RESOLVED –

- 1 That the presentation and update be noted.
- 2 That the officers' presentation be updated to reflect the correction by Mr John Wilbraham, and re-published to the meeting webpage

15 VULNERABLE AND OLDER PERSONS HOUSING STRATEGY

Consideration was given to the draft Vulnerable and Older Persons Housing Strategy. The committee was informed that following Cabinet approval on 5 May 2020, the draft strategy had been taken out to external consultation from 18 May through to 13 July 2020.

Members asked questions and put comments in relation to;

- Whether it would be worthwhile extending the consultation through to September 2020 to help to improve the overall response rate;
- The number of people who lived alone in Cheshire East and had this been factored in to the strategy;
- The consideration private landlords would give to this kind of strategy; and
- Whether it would benefit the final strategy to consider, as part of the wider consultation, the data received as part of the 2018 consultation on the housing needs of people with learning disabilities.

RESOLVED –

- 1 That during the development of the Vulnerable and Older Persons Housing Strategy 2020-24, the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Regeneration and Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health review available data from made Neighbourhood Plans and the experience and feedback from the 2018 consultation for the 'My Life, My Choice' (strategy for people with learning disabilities in Cheshire East), as well as the more recent learning and experience in relation to homelessness, domestic violence and the 'People Working for People' project during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- 2 That Cabinet and the Executive be encouraged to ensure that the learning and experience of the far-reaching impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic is used to adapt existing, and shape future, council strategies.

16 PERFORMANCE SCORECARD - QUARTER 4 (2019/20)

Consideration was given to performance scorecard data from Quarter 4 of the council year 2019/20 relating to adult social care, public health and communities services.

RESOLVED –

That the update be received and noted.

17 FORWARD PLAN

The committee reviewed the council's Forward Plan of key decisions.

RESOLVED –

That the Forward Plan be noted.

18 WORK PROGRAMME

The committee reviewed its work programme for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year.

Members agreed that any reports and information considered by Cabinet relating to Covid-19 infection control should also be considered this committee.

RESOLVED –

- 1 That the work programme be noted.
- 2 That the response of the Executive to the committee's recommendation of 23 June 2020 be accepted and no further action taken.
- 3 That the Scrutiny Officer liaise with officers to ensure that any report or information relating to Covid-19 infection control work be added to the next possible committee meeting agenda.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 1.09 pm

Councillor L Wardlaw (Chairman)