

**MINUTES OF THE ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
MEETING  
HELD AT 7PM ON WEDNESDAY 21 JUNE 2017  
BOURGES VIERSEN ROOMS, TOWN HALL, PETERBOROUGH**

Committee Members Present Councillors H Fuller (Chairman), A Ali, R. Brown, M Hussain, D King  
S. Martin, N Sandford, L Serluca, J Whitby, Cllr Neil Boyce, Parish  
Council Co-opted Member

Officers in Attendance:	Adrian Chapman	Service Director, Adult Social Care and Communities
	Tina Hornsby	Head of Performance and Informatics
	Mark Gedney	Financial Systems Manager
	Helen Carr	Head of Commissioning: Social Care
	Ian Phillips	Senior Policy Manager
	Chief. Insp. Rob Hill	Prevention and Enforcement Head of Service
	Paulina Ford	Senior Democratic Services Officer
	Joanna Morley	Democratic Services Officer

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Shaheed, Councillor John Fox and Councillor Bull. Councillor Sandford attended as substitute for Councillor Shaheed.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND WHIPPING DECLARATIONS**

There were no declarations of Interest or whipping declarations.

**3. MINUTES OF THE ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 7 MARCH 2017**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2017 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

**4. CALL IN OF ANY CABINET, CABINET MEMBER OR KEY OFFICER DECISIONS**

There were no requests for call-in to consider.

**5. UPDATE REPORT ON ADULT SOCIAL CARE**

The Head of Performance and Informatics introduced the report which had originally been requested at the work programming session of the Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee. The report was a comprehensive update on the challenges and opportunities facing Adult Social Care and identified the department's priorities going forward.

The Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee debated the report and in summary, key points raised and responses to questions included:

- Peterborough was developing a strategy to look at the commissioning and delivery of secondary prevention/early intervention services primarily for older adults in Peterborough. The strategy was being coproduced with a number of other agencies and it was expected that the document would be ready by the end of July.
- There were between 15 and 20 new safeguarding meetings a month and there was a potential that at each one adults at risk could be discussed.
- An update on the progress of the new 0 to 25 service redesign would be provided to the committee at a later date.
- The Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards was a piece of legislation, introduced as an amendment to the Mental Capacity Act, which ensured that people who were unable to consent to their care and accommodation were assessed to ensure that any decisions taken on their behalf were in their best interests, were proportionate and were the least restrictive response to their needs.
- Members noted that the lack of capacity within the system to deal with those with more complex needs was a major issue facing Adult Social Care services and therefore considered that it should be made a future priority.

The Committee considered the report and **RESOLVED** to note and comment upon the progress made and the priorities, challenges and opportunities facing Adult Social Care in the upcoming year.

### **AGREED ACTIONS**

The Committee agreed that the performance dashboard information would be presented ahead of each Scrutiny Committee meeting to inform the agenda setting process.

## **6. ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES PERFORMANCE REPORT FRAMEWORK**

The Senior Policy Manager introduced the report which provided the Committee with an example dashboard which would provide key performance data covering the range of services that the Committee were responsible for.

The Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee debated the report and in summary, key points raised and responses to questions included:

- The key performance indicators dashboard would be discussed at the each Group Representatives/Agenda Setting meeting in order to highlight any areas of concern that Members felt should be an agenda item for any subsequent meeting. All Committee members would receive the most up to date information ahead of each meeting.
- The dashboard would be a tool for Members which would give them up-to-date information on a regular basis in an easily accessible format.
- Performance indicators on the dashboard could easily be added to, amended or expanded if requested.
- Any critical additional information that presented itself between the timing of the Group Representatives/Agenda Setting meeting and the next committee meeting would be brought before the committee by officers.
- Members wanted to see summary indicators showing whether performance had gone up or down alongside the colour coding (RAG) system.

The Committee considered the report and **RESOLVED** to agree the performance framework and dashboard format for the presentation of key performance data covering the range of services that the Committee was responsible for scrutinising.

## **7. PROPOSAL FOR A CROSS PARTY TASK AND FINISH GROUP TO REVIEW COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN NEIGHBOURHOOD ISSUES**

Chief Inspector Rob Hill introduced the report which proposed that the Committee establish a Task and Finish group to review community involvement in neighbourhood issues.

The Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee debated the report and in summary, key points raised and responses to questions included:

- The Prevention and Enforcement Service (PES) wanted to empower communities to tackle issues such as verge-parking, littering and fly-tipping. If communities would engage with this initiative then officers would have more time to deal with more serious crimes.
- The PES had heard anecdotal evidence of effective community schemes elsewhere in the country and wanted a Task and Finish group to investigate such schemes.
- Neighbourhood Committees and area action groups had been set up in the past but they tended to be 'talking shops' which were then disbanded when they realised they did not have any effective powers.
- Members commented that there were already several good initiatives being undertaken in local communities which needed to be recognised.
- It was important that all the different communities in Peterborough were involved and engaged in this activity.
- The Council had recognised that prevention was better than cure and the Cabinet Member for Communities was fully involved in the initiative and would be sponsoring and promoting the findings of the Task and Finish Group at Cabinet level.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The Committee considered the report and **RESOLVED** to recommend that a Cross Party Task and Finish Group be established to review community involvement in neighbourhood issues and agreed to the Terms of Reference of the Task and Finish Group as attached at appendix 1 of the report

## **AGREED ACTIONS**

The Committee agreed that the Democratic Services Officer would write to Group Secretaries to seek nominations to the Task and Finish Group.

## **CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR ITEM 8 ONLY**

### **8. SAFER PETERBOROUGH PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2017 – 2020**

The Prevention and Enforcement Head of Service and the Senior Policy Manager introduced the report which asked the Committee to scrutinise the amended draft Safer Peterborough Partnership Plan 2017 – 2020 which set out the priorities for the Safer Peterborough Partnership (SPP) for the next three years.

The Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee debated the report and in summary, key points raised and responses to questions included:

- The draft Safer Peterborough Partnership Plan 2017 – 2020 had been previously presented to the Committee in March 2017 and the Committee requested that the plan be more explicit about how the priorities of Councillors and their constituents were being met.
- The specific priorities outlined in the report had been based on a strategic assessment of crimes in the city and hard evidence.

- Areas of concern that many Councillors had were mirrored in the Peterborough Enforcement Service (PES) priorities as shown in appendix B. Specific data on all of these areas could be shared with Councillors if requested.
- Members would have liked to have seen more information on “Building Resilient Communities” which was one of the four priorities identified by the Safer Peterborough Partnership (SPP).
- It was hoped that the proposal for a Task and Finish group to look at community involvement in neighbourhood issues (agenda item 7) would lead to further exploration of the issues raised by Members.
- Road safety was a force-wide issue and therefore not the main focus of the Safer Peterborough Plan.
- Although substance misuse was terminology that was used nationally officers agreed that it could be misleading as elsewhere the term substance abuse was used.
- Members commented that alcohol and tobacco killed more people than soft and hard drugs combined. The question was therefore raised as to whether resources were being correctly deployed and in the most efficient manner.

## RECOMMENDATION

The Committee considered the report and **RESOLVED** to approve the Safer Peterborough Partnership Plan 2017-2020 for presentation to Cabinet on 10 July 2017 and then approval at Full Council, subject to the following:

- That the term “substance *misuse*” be replaced with the term “substance *abuse*”.
- That there is reference in the document to community involvement in neighbourhood issues and the role of the Task and Finish group.
- That the effects of the Safer Peterborough Partnership (SPP) on the reduction on crime rates be made clear as currently the report refers to the successes of the SPP but also suggests that this reduction would have happened regardless of specific SPP actions as it is in line with national trends.

## 9. REVIEW OF 2016/17 AND WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2017/18

The Senior Democratic Services Officer introduced the report which considered the 2016/17 year in review and looked at the work programme for the new municipal year 2017/18 to determine priorities and agree the proposed way forward for monitoring future recommendations.

The Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee debated the report and in summary, key points raised and responses to questions included:

- The Committee could ask for whatever it wished to come before them and could also ask for briefing notes to be provided.
- Outside of meetings ideas could be fed into the Chairman and then discussed at Group Representative meetings in advance of the main Committee meeting.
- Members felt that it would be beneficial to receive feedback on the recommendations they had made at previous meetings and that this information should be provided on a regular basis rather than waiting for an annual report on the outcomes from recommendations.

## RECOMMENDATION

The Committee considered the report and **RESOLVED** to recommend that the monitoring of future recommendations as proposed in paragraph 5.2 of the report be agreed and that a

report be provided at each meeting to note the outcome of any recommendations made at the previous meeting held thereby providing an opportunity for the Committee to request further monitoring of the recommendation should this be required.

#### **AGREED ACTIONS**

1. The Committee approved the draft work programme for 2017/18
2. The Committee noted the Terms of Reference for the Committee as set out in Part 3, Section 4, Overview and Scrutiny Functions and in particular paragraph 2.1 item 2 Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee and paragraph 3.4 Crime and Disorder as attached at Appendix 3

#### **10. FORWARD PLAN OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS**

The Committee received the latest version of the Council's Forward Plan of Executive Decisions, containing key decisions that the Leader of the Council anticipated the Cabinet or individual Cabinet Members would make during the course of the forthcoming month. Members were invited to comment on the Plan and where appropriate identify any relevant areas for inclusion in the Committee's work programme.

#### **AGREED ACTIONS**

The Committee considered the report and **RESOLVED** to note the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions and requested further information on the following Executive Decisions

1. Section 256 Agreement – Care at Home KEY/12DEC16/01
2. Assessed Needs Contracts with Care Homes KEY/20FEB17/01

Further to a discussion on item 23 on the Forward Plan: Provision of Temporary Accommodation KEY/17APR17/04, it was agreed that Officers would bring to the Committee meeting in September, a proposal to form a task and finish group which would look at developing a homelessness strategy for Peterborough. This report had been initially requested by Councillor Hiller, Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development and was distinct from the recent task and finish group that looked solely at rough sleeping in the City.

#### **11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- Tuesday, 12 September 2017

CHAIRMAN  
7.00pm - 8.25 pm