

**MINUTES OF THE ADULTS AND HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT 6.00PM, ON  
TUESDAY, 9 JULY 2024  
BOURGES/VIERSEN ROOM, TOWN HALL, PETERBOROUGH**

**Committee Members Present:** Fitzgerald (Chair), Boyce, Dowson, Iqbal, Mahmood, Rafiq Rangzeb, Ann Shaheed and Asif Shaheed.

Youth Councillor: Mohammad Akhtar

**Officers Present:** Madia Afzal, Democratic Services Officer  
Charlotte Cameron, Senior Democratic Services Officer  
Alison Clowes, Local Systems Influencing Manager, Alzheimer's Society  
Debbie McQuade, Service Director Adults and Safeguarding  
Mike Robinson, Interim Director of Public Health Peterborough  
Martin Whelan, Head of Governance and Data Protection Officer  
NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

**Also Present:** Cllr Shabina Qayyum, Cabinet Member for Adults and Health.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Imtiaz Ali and Saqib Farooq.

Co-opted Members: Sandie Burns and Caroline Tyrrell-Jones.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

**3. MINUTES OF THE ADULTS AND HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12 MARCH 2024**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2024 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

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

There were no call-ins received.

**SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM: QUESTIONS FOR THE CHAIR OF THE ADULTS AND HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

The Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee received questions from the Alzheimer's Society in relation to the Dementia Resource Centre. The Local Systems Influencing Manager was in attendance and presented the questions on behalf of the Society. The questions are detailed below:

- Will this Committee hold Council Executives to account on what consultation has been done to decide on the budget percentage cut to adult social care provision, and what is being put in place to mitigate the impact on the most vulnerable residents in Peterborough?
- Will this Committee hold the Council Executives to account on how they will meet the needs of our growing and ageing population as part of the NHS Long Term Plan and stated in the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough ICS 2024-2029 Joint Forward Plan, if budget for the post diagnostic service for the UK's biggest killer, dementia, has been cut by 51%?
- Finally, will this Committee request transparency and accountability on behalf of the over 2,000 local residents living with dementia and their families who will be significantly impacted by a 51% budget cut in post diagnostic support services available to them; and has the Committee been provided with an impact assessment to properly understand the impact of this decision?
- The Service Director for Adults and Safeguarding updated Members on the current position.
- The Officer addressed the misconceptions around the Resource Centre's closure and confirmed that the Resource Centre was relocating and not closing.
- The importance of supporting and meeting the needs of vulnerable residents across the city was acknowledged.
- In terms of the 51% reduction in budget, it was noted that the authority was required to review its commitments annually as part of the budget consultation to meet the needs of its most vulnerable residents.
- The Service Director for Adults and Safeguarding recognised the valuable support the directorate had received from the Alzheimer's Society.
- It was confirmed that a Quality Impact Assessment had been carried out prior to the reduction in adult social care provision. The Committee were further advised that the Assessment was required to balance against the finances and the needs of residents.
- The Local Systems Influencing Manager was pleased to hear that budget processes had been adhered to.
- The Local Systems Influencing Manager queried the authority's plans for residents with Dementia given the cuts to the service and emphasised the need for adequate provision across the city.
- The Service Director reiterated the importance of accommodating and supporting vulnerable people and the proposed collaboration with the Alzheimer's Society and other organisations were detailed.
- The Chair noted that the authority had struggled to allocate funding for the provision. It was further advised that the resource had been at risk for many years.
- However, Members were assured that the current site would remain in place until a new site had been secured.
- The Committee were further advised that the shortfall in funding was being sourced from the NHS.
- The Chair requested that the Service Director for Adults and Safeguarding seek clarification from the budget team on the cuts to the provision.
- The Committee queried the Directorate's collaboration with the Resource Centre and clarification on the decision-making process was sought.
- The Service Director for Adults and Safeguarding agreed to update Members.
- Reference was made to support services such as the day centre for individuals with advanced dementia/needs.

- Furthermore, the Committee queried whether the impacted services had been confirmed. The Chair in response confirmed the reduction in the global budget.
- Members were updated on the authority's existing funding and how this was around the social care element. Members were further advised that the Directorate was working with Public Health to gain a better understanding of what they were seeking to commission.
- The Committee were advised that the responsibility for the provision lied with the Council and not Public Health as Health did not recognise dementia as a disease.

### **AGREED ACTIONS**

The Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee **RESOLVED** to:

- The Committee requested a road map and assurance notes from officers relating to how the decisions were taken around the funding cuts, and ongoing plans to support the service users.

### **5. APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED MEMBERS 2024/2025**

The Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee received a report in relation to the appointment of Co-opted Members in accordance with the Council's Constitution Part 3, Section 4 – Overview and Scrutiny Functions.

The purpose of the report was to seek approval from the Committee to appoint Sandie Burns MBE, Caroline Tyrrell-Jones and Chris De Wilde as Non-Voting Co-opted Members for the municipal year 2024/2025 to the Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee in accordance with Part 3, Section 4 – Overview and Scrutiny Functions.

The Democratic Services Officer introduced the report and explained that the nominations for Co-opted Members had been put forward by the Parish Council Liaison Working Group and that the appointments would be reviewed annually.

The Committee unanimously agreed to the appointments of Sandie Burns, Caroline Tyrrell-Jones and Chris De Wilde as non-voting Co-opted Members for the municipal year 2024/25.

### **AGREED ACTIONS**

The Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee **RESOLVED** to:

1. Appoint Sandie Burns to the Committee as an Independent Co-opted Member with no voting rights for the municipal year 2024/2025 Appointment to be reviewed annually at the beginning of the next municipal year.
2. Appoint Caroline Tyrrell-Jones to the Committee as an Independent Co-opted Member with no voting rights for the municipal year 2024/2025 Appointment to be reviewed annually at the beginning of the next municipal year.
3. Appoint Christine De Wilde to the Committee as an Independent Co-opted Member with no voting rights for the municipal year 2024/2025. Appointment to be reviewed annually at the beginning of the next municipal year.

### **6. REVIEW OF 2023/2024 AND DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME 2024/2025**

The Senior Democratic Services Officer presented the report which considered the 2023/2024 year in review and looked at the work programme for the new municipal year

2024/25 to determine the Committees priorities. Members also noted the Terms of Reference for the Committee.

The Cabinet Member for Adults and Health at the request of Committee Members was called on to present her priorities for the 2024/2025 municipal year.

- The Cabinet Member in her opening remarks highlighted that she looked forward to working with Cllr Fitzgerald in his capacity as Chair of the Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee.
- The Cabinet Member provided some background information on her skills and experiences.
- The Cabinet Member advised that she was employed as GP but committed to the role of Cabinet Member for Adults of Health.
- Members were also advised that the Cabinet Member had a strong track record of managing both roles.
- The Cabinet Member welcomed effective scrutiny, and an emphasis was placed upon collaborative and cohesive ways of working.
- Members were advised that a number of services were to be recommissioned including sexual health services and drug and alcohol community services.
- The Committee were reminded that budgets were tight, and that the directorate sought to secure funding from the new government.
- An emphasis was placed upon cross-directorate working and good health outcomes across all directorates.
- Members were advised that the directorate sought to review the authority's business contingency plan in the event of another pandemic.
- In terms of adult social care, it was noted that the directorate would be working towards a good Care Quality Commission (CQC) outcome.
- The Cabinet Member encouraged collaborative working with external organisations such as the local Integrated Care Board (ICB).
- Members were updated on the forthcoming review of the commissioning model.
- The Cabinet member reiterated the directorate's enthusiasm for scrutiny, questions and new ideas.
- Finally, Members were advised that the Cabinet Member sought to set about a new culture of collaboration with Members as well as the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee.

The Head of Governance and Data Protection Officer, NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough was invited to take questions from the Committee on the work programme items assigned to the ICB.

- It was noted that the Committee has previously requested an update on dentistry which had been provisionally scheduled for the September meeting.
- It was also noted that the ICB presents its Systems Winter Plan to the Committee in November and the Committee were asked to consider this at their next agenda setting meeting.
- Furthermore, reference was made to the ongoing recommendation from the January meeting in respect of current waiting list status for operations in hip and knee joint replacement and cognitive assessments.
- The Committee were asked to consider Right Care, Right Person, specifically its impact on emergency services and Councils at future meetings of the Adults and Health Scrutiny.
- The Chair also requested a report on its implications
- Moreover, reference was made to the National Care Service and what the timescale for this might be as well as its implications.
- The Officer outlined the work with partners in respect to Right Care, Right Person and confirmed that stage one had been implemented with limited implications.

- Members were also advised that there was an extensive programme around this including strategic and operational meetings.
- Furthermore, the directorate welcomed the Chair's request on the update report and confirmed that this could be presented to Members in the next 6-12 months.

### **AGREED ACTIONS**

The Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee considered the report and RESOLVED to:

1. Considers items presented to the Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee during 2023/2024 and make recommendations on the future monitoring of these items where necessary.
2. Determines its priorities and approves the draft work programme for 2024/2025 attached at Appendix 1.
3. Notes the Terms of Reference for this Committee as set out in Part 3, Section 4, Overview and Scrutiny Functions and in particular paragraph 2.1 item 3, Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee and paragraph 3.5 Health Issues as attached at Appendix 2.

### **7. MONITORING SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT**

The Democratic Services Officer introduced the report which enabled the committee to monitor and track the progress of recommendations made to the Executive or Officers at previous meetings.

### **AGREED ACTIONS**

The Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee considered the report and RESOLVED to note responses from Cabinet Members and Officers to recommendations made at previous meetings as attached in Appendix 1 to the report.

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

The Chair introduced the report which included the latest version of the Council's Forward Plan of Executive Decisions containing decisions that the Leader of the Council, the Cabinet or individual Cabinet Members would make during 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.

It was noted that the Healthy Child Programme Commissioning Approach – KEY/03JUNE24/03 decision was a public health matter although it had been assigned to the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee.

### **AGREED ACTIONS**

The Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee considered the current Forward Plan of Executive Decisions and RESOLVED to:

1. Considers the current Forward Plan of Executive Decisions included at Appendix 1 and identifies any relevant items for inclusion within their work programme or request further information.

### **9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was noted as being 17 September 2024

CHAIR

Meeting started at 6.00pm and finished at 6:48pm