

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE**

6.00 P.M.

18TH OCTOBER 2017

PRESENT:- Councillors June Ashworth (Chairman), Alan Biddulph, Tracy Brown, Brett Cooper, Rob Devey, Charlie Edwards, Mel Guilding (substitute for Nigel Goodrich), Caroline Jackson and David Whitaker

Apologies for Absence:-

Councillor Nigel Goodrich

Also in Attendance:-

Councillor Andrew Warriner - Cabinet Member with responsibility for Housing and Environmental Health

Councillor Colin Hartley

Aaron Cummins - Executive Lead for Finance, BHCP and Director of Finance and Deputy Chief Executive UHMBFT

Sarah Baines - Project Manager for Lancaster ICCs

Erik Worsley - Manager of Active Lives Project, Lancaster City Council

Helen McConville, Senior Manager Community Service Development & Integrated Care Communities, Morecambe Bay CCG

Officers in attendance:-

Suzanne Lodge

Stephen Metcalfe

Jenny Kay

Chief Officer (Health and Housing)

Principal Democratic Support Officer

Civic & Ceremonial Democratic Support Officer

17 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20th September 2017 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

18 DISCUSSIONS WITH COUNCILLOR ANDREW WARRINER

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Andrew Warriner, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Housing and Environmental Health, and the Chief Officer (Health and Housing) to the meeting.

Councillor Warriner gave the Committee an overview of his portfolio which he had taken over in the summer, that ranged from Pest Control, Housing, Licensing and Food Safety to name a few. In this time it was noted, that since the Grenfell fire had taken place the Council had highlighted the safety of all its housing stock.

An update was provided on the introduction of selective licensing of landlords which was currently out to consultation in the West End of Morecambe.

The Committee were invited to ask questions.

A number of questions were asked covering issues such as aftercare for vulnerable people in HMOs with absentee landlords, universal credit payments, council housing voids, the affordable housing needs assessment and the right to buy scheme.

It was agreed that the list containing details of commuted sums from housing developers would be circulated to the Committee.

Resolved:-

- (1) That Councillor Andrew Warriner and the Chief Officer (Health and Housing) be thanked for their attendance at the meeting.
- (2) That the list containing details of commuted sums from housing developers be circulated to the Committee.

19 UPDATE ON 'BETTER CARE TOGETHER'

The Chairman welcomed Aaron Cummins, Executive Lead for Finance, BHCP and Director of Finance and Deputy Chief Executive UHMBFT, Sarah Baines, Project Manager for Lancaster ICCs, Erik Worsley, Manager of Active Lives Project for Lancaster City Council and Helen McConville, Senior Manager Community Service Development & Integrated Care Communities, Morecambe Bay CCG to the meeting.

Better Care Together Update

Members were given an update on the Better Care Together project. It was reported that 12 Integrated Care Communities (ICCs) across the Bay Hospital's remit had been set up to bring together primary, community, social care, volunteers, third sector and community members into one single integrated team working to a common purpose which was to improve the health and well-being of the local population.

It was reported that initiatives, such as Patient Initiated Follow Ups had been introduced which offered help when a condition flared up and offered the patient the choice as to whether they required a follow up appointment or not. Rheumatology was the first service to go live, Gynaecology, Paediatrics, Pain, Respiratory and Gastroenterology were also developing PIFU pathways.

The Committee was advised that IT was being used to manage risk and be proactive in Integrated Care Communities by offering online information on how to self help with integrated technology. Over 1,400 people were helped which last year avoiding travel to hospital.

It was reported that the Trust was one of 50 Vanguard sites in the country and had consistently performed quarter on quarter, year on year, and was regarded as a high performing Vanguard especially against two key metrics. Firstly the ICCs work to help those with the greatest need to keep them safely at home, avoiding escalation to emergency admissions and secondly non-elective bed days was maintaining a continued downward trend.

Members were advised that the Trust had won the 'Improving Value Through Innovative Financial Management or Procurement award' at the prestigious Health Service Journal Value in Healthcare awards 2017.

Members asked a number of questions including reference to the lack of support for people with mental health issues in the community.

It was agreed that the Committee would invite the Lancashire Care and Cumbria Trust to a future meeting to discuss this issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.23pm

The meeting was reconvened at 7.31pm

Health and Wellbeing Update - Active Lives

The Committee was advised that the Active Lives scheme had been established by the City Council and funded by Lancashire County Council and recently partnered with Integrated Care Communities.

It was reported that the first group of people who had been invited to take part by their GPs as they had problems with musculoskeletal disease, followed by a group of people suffering from Diabetes. Members were advised that the programmes had received amazing feedback and the results were extremely positive with improvements to health for all who took part. Seven community based programmes had taken place to date in the district.

The Committee was informed that the programme was going to target areas of need such as obesity in schools, and inactivity in workplaces. The aim was to set up a programme, make it sustainable then move on to another group of people.

It was suggested that the City Council could promote the Active Lives programme by having a chair based exercise session before a Council meeting. It was agreed to recommend that this be undertaken on a voluntary basis, prior to a forthcoming Council meeting.

Resolved :-

- (1) That Aaron Cummins, Sarah Baines, Erik Worsley and Helen McConville be thanked for their attendance at the meeting.
- (2) That the Committee invite the Lancashire Care and Cumbria Trust to a future meeting to discuss the lack of support for people with mental health issues in the community.
- (3) That it be recommended that, prior to the start of the next suitable Council meeting, all Members be invited to take part in a chair based exercise session to promote the Active Lives project.

20 CONSIDERATION OF ANY REQUESTS FOR COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION (IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCESS)

It was noted that there had not been any requests for items to be considered in accordance with the Councillor Call for Action process.

21 CONSIDERATION OF ANY PETITIONS (IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCESS)

It was noted that there had not been any requests for items to be considered in accordance with the Petition process.

22 LOCALITY WORKING

It was noted there was no update.

23 WORK PROGRAMME REPORT

Members were requested to consider the updated Work Programme.

With regard to the additional meeting on 6th December 2017, to consider the Voluntary and Faith Sector Commissioning Task Group Final Report, it was suggested that representatives from the voluntary and faith sector should be invited to speak at the meeting. Members were advised that the Chairman could use her discretion to allow people to speak if they were in attendance.

Members considered the list of outstanding briefing notes set out within the Committee's Work Programme and agreed to request that the Chief Executive provide the briefing notes as soon as possible.

With regard to the request for a briefing note on the Licensing Scheme for Private Sector Rented Properties, Members were advised that a report had been considered by Cabinet and Pre-Scrutiny. This issue had also been discussed earlier in the meeting. It was agreed to remove this item from the Work Programme.

It was agreed that the Committee request an update on the recommendations of the Late Night Economy Task Group as agreed by Council, to the November meeting of the Committee.

The Committee was requested to consider an appointment to the Lancaster & District Fairtrade Group as Councillor Cooper could no longer attend the meetings.

It was agreed that Councillor Caroline Jackson be appointed to the Lancaster & District Fairtrade Group.

Members were informed that only a few Members had, so far, shown an interest in the Customer Services Strategy & Future Complaints Policy Informal Task Group.

It was agreed that Councillor Tracey Brown and Charlie Edwards would join the Task Group and that Members would encourage their groups to provide representation on the Task Group.

With regard to the Resilience Commission Task Group, it was noted that a final meeting was to take place shortly.

It was reported that the arrangements for the Loneliness Summit to be held on 6th December 2017 at Lancaster Town Hall were progressing well and that it had created a lot of interest locally.

The Committee meeting would also be held at Lancaster Town Hall following the Summit.

Resolved :-

- (1) That the Chief Executive be requested to provide the briefing notes that were outstanding on the Committee's Work Programme.

- (2) That the request for a briefing note on the Licensing Scheme for Private Sector Rented Properties be removed from the Committee's Work Programme.
- (3) That the Committee request an update on the recommendations of the Late Night Economy Task Group that were agreed by Council to the November 2017 meeting.
- (4) That Councillor Caroline Jackson be appointed to the Lancaster & District Fairtrade Group.
- (5) That Councillors Tracey Brown and Charlie Edwards be appointed on to the Customer Service Strategy & Future Complaints Policy Informal Task Group, and that Members of the Committee encourage their groups to provide representation on the Task Group.

Chairman

(The meeting ended at 8.30 p.m.)

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