

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Monday, 8 May 2017

Minutes of the meeting of the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee held at the Guildhall EC2 at 11.30 am

Present

Members:

Chris Boden

Emma Edhem

Alderman Alison Gowman

Michael Hudson

Vivienne Littlechild

Steve Stevenson

Officers:

Philippa Sewell

Neal Hounsell

Simon Cribbens

Farrah Hart

- Town Clerk's Department
- Community & Children's Services Department
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1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Chief Commoner Wendy Mead.

2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations.

3. ORDER OF THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

The Committee received an Order of the Court of Common Council of 27 April 2017 appointing the Committee and approving its Terms of Reference.

4. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The Committee proceeded to elect a Chairman in accordance with Standing Order No.29. The Town Clerk read a list of Members eligible to stand and Christopher Boden, being the only Member who expressed a willingness to serve, was duly elected as Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

The Chairman welcomed Emma Edhem as a new Member of the Committee, and thanked outgoing Member the Revd. Dr Martin Dudley.

5. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

The Committee proceeded to elect a Deputy Chairman in accordance with Standing Order No.30. The Chief Commoner, as the immediate Past Chairman, had previously confirmed that she would take up the role of Deputy Chairman for this year as set out in Standing Order 29 (3) (a), and was duly elected as Deputy Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

6. CO-OPTION OF A HEALTHWATCH REPRESENTATIVE

RESOLVED – That Steve Stevenson be co-opted as the representative for Healthwatch.

7. **APPOINTMENT OF INNER NORTH EAST LONDON JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE(S)**

The Director of Community & Children's Services advised that the JHOSC was set up to consider London-wide and local NHS service developments and changes that impact the Hackney, Newham and Tower Hamlets boroughs and the City of London Corporation. The Committee noted that the City Corporation nominated one representative to the JHOSC with another acting as their substitute.

RESOLVED – That the Chairman be appointed to the Inner North East London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee with the Deputy Chairman as their substitute.

8. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the public minutes of the meeting held on 16 February 2017 be agreed as a correct record.

Matters Arising

Defibrillators

The Patients' Forum for the London Ambulance Service had confirmed that John Lewis and Sainsbury's were installing defibrillators in their larger stores, but work continued to encourage Boots to do the same. Members tasked officers with checking which John Lewis and Sainsbury's stores in the square mile had installed defibrillators and to encourage the companies to install them in smaller stores.

Integrated Commissioning

Officers confirmed there was still uncertainty regarding break clauses and NHS England had advised there would be no formal response until after the general election.

9. **ANNUAL WORKPLAN**

Members received a report of the Town Clerk regarding the Committee's meetings and activities for the year and the following agenda items were suggested:

- Neaman Practice – the GP practice to reassure the Committee of arrangements after Dr Vasserman's departure.
- Sexual Health Transformation for London – an overview of the London-wide transformation of sexual health services.
- Royal London dental hospital / Barts Health – officers to look into and see if a report could be presented regarding appointments systems.
- Post-election health announcements – headline changes to be circulated electronically to the Committee after elections, and details to be presented when available.
- Employment of individuals with learning difficulties – officers to confirm figures of those employed in the Corporation and the work going on the Corporation to

encourage employment and address stigma. The Chairman of the City Bridge Trust Committee confirmed that a £3.5million commitment was being considered at the Committee's meeting later in the week for a 'Bridge To Work' programme including grants to Centre for Mental Health, Inclusion London, Muscular Dystrophy UK, National Autistic Society and Whizz-Kids.

RESOLVED – That the proposed schedule of meetings be agreed.

10. INNER NORTH EAST LONDON UPDATE

The Director of Community & Children's Services advised that at their last meeting the INEL JHOSC had considered the sustainability and transformation plan for North East London which sought to bring different parts of the health economy together, streamlining services and reducing costs. The INEL JHOSC had scrutinised the financials, intentions, and the inclusion of adult social care services (which were LA funded but would be impacted by the changes NHS England were proposing), and it was noted the concerns of the INEL JHOSC had not been fully assuaged.

Members requested an update on the changes to cancer services be provided at a future meeting, and agreed that INEL JOHSC minutes be circulated electronically to the Committee after meetings.

RESOLVED – That an update on cancer services be provided at a future meeting, and INEL JHOSC minutes be circulated after each meeting.

11. SOCIAL WELLBEING

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Community & Children's Services regarding the City of London Corporation's Social Wellbeing Panel and Strategy.

Members noted that doing more to tackle social isolation had been identified as a priority in the Department of Community & Children's Services Business Plan, in the City Corporation's Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, in the Mental Health Strategy and by the Adult Advisory Group. The City Corporation commissioned Dr Roger Green from Goldsmiths, University of London, to investigate the extent, causes and possible solutions to loneliness for people in the City of London. His research was presented to the Community and Children's Services Grand Committee in July 2016 and has underpinned the City Corporation's further work on this issue. A month long public consultation was carried out on the Social Wellbeing Strategy, with face to face events, a consultation website and leaflets in libraries and other public venues. The strategy focussed on wellbeing, but this in turn would have a positive impact on health needs.

A Member queried the clarity of the strategy, which she found vague with regard to what was going to be implemented and pursued and would therefore be difficult to measure success against. Officers reassured Members that there was every intention of acting on these findings (and work had already begun in some areas) and undertook to circulate the action plan to the Committee electronically. Officers advised that the draft strategy would be considered at the Community & Children's Services Committee meeting scheduled for later this week, the Health and Wellbeing Board at their meeting in June, and had

also been submitted to the Jo Cox Commission on Loneliness. The Chairman thanked officers for the report, and proposed a follow-up report taking a quantitative approach in order to establish the cost of loneliness and/or the cost benefit of addressing loneliness. Officers agreed this would be beneficial (i.e. for seeking funding) and was the natural progression for this work.

RESOLVED – That the action plan be circulated to Members, and the report be noted.

12. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

There were no questions.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

There was no other business.

14. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED – That, under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

<u>Item Nos.</u>	<u>Exempt Paragraph(s)</u>
15	3
16-17	-

15. LOCAL PROCUREMENT OF SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Committee received a report of the Director of Community & Children's Services.

16. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

In response to a Member's question regarding accessing health services outside the square mile, officers advised that the City Corporation made no restrictions on people, it was just more difficult to identify them and link up the health provision when they used hospitals less familiar with the City Corporation.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 12.30 pm

Chairman

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