



Minutes

of the
Meeting of the
Adult Care and Health Cabinet Panel
on
Wednesday, 6 February 2019

1. Agenda

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Minutes

To: All Members of the Adult Care & Health Cabinet Panel, Chief Executive, Chief Officers, All officers named for 'actions'

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ADULT CARE & HEALTH CABINET PANEL WEDNESDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2019

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS OF THE PANEL

N Bell; E H Buckmaster; F Button (*substituting for F Guest*); E M Gordon; S Gordon; K M Hastrick; D J Hewitt; F R G Hill (*Vice Chairman*); T Howard; J S Kaye; N A Quinton; R M Roberts (*Chairman*); R G Tindall

OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

None

Upon consideration of the agenda for the Adult Care & Health Cabinet Panel meeting on 6 February 2019 as circulated, copy annexed, conclusions were reached and are recorded below:

All Members who have a disclosable pecuniary interest arising from an allowance from the County Council, another local authority in Hertfordshire, or a body to whom they have been appointed by the County Council, have received a dispensation to allow them to participate in debate and vote on the Integrated Plan.

All Members have been granted a dispensation to participate in debate and vote in any business of the County Council relating to setting the council tax or precept when they would otherwise be prevented from doing so in consequence of having a beneficial interest in land which is within the administrative area of Hertfordshire or a licence (alone or jointly) to occupy such land.

A number of conflict of interests were declared in relation to the Scrutiny of the Integrated Plan 2019/20 – 2022/23 and are recorded at 3.1 below.

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PART I ('OPEN') BUSINESS

1. MINUTES

- 1.1 The minutes of the Cabinet Panel meeting held on 12 December 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2. PUBLIC PETITIONS

- 2.1 There were no public petitions.

3. INTEGRATED PLAN 2019/20 - 2022/23 ADULT CARE AND HEALTH

Joint Report of Interim Director of Resources and Director of Adult Care Services

Officer Contact:

Helen Maneuf (Assistant Director Planning and Resources)

- 3.1 It was noted that all Members who had a disclosable pecuniary interest arising from an allowance from the County Council, another local authority in Hertfordshire, or a body to whom they have been appointed by the County Council, had received a dispensation to allow them to participate in debate and vote on the Integrated Plan.

All Members had been granted a dispensation to participate in debate and vote in any business of the County Council relating to setting the council tax or precept when they would otherwise be prevented from doing so in consequence of having a beneficial interest in land which is within the administrative area of Hertfordshire or a licence (alone or jointly) to occupy such land.

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:

S Gordon - by virtue of her having a beneficial freehold interest in the premises of her former veterinary practice and contiguous land lying south of Tilekiln Farm, Standon Road, Little Hadham. She had been granted a dispensation by the Standards Committee to participate, debate and vote in business in which this Disclosable Pecuniary Interest is mentioned provided that the business to be considered did not directly affect her financial position; which she considered it did not.

Declarable Interests:

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The following Members declared Declarable Interests under the County Council's Code of Conduct for Members:-

E H Buckmaster – 1) as he is a Board Member of the Hailey Centre in Bell Street, Sawbridgeworth, which receives funding from Hertfordshire County Council towards its operational costs 2) his wife is Chairman of Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth Young Peoples Recreation Centre, which is booked by YC for sessions and she is a volunteer at Sawbridgeworth Library and 3) his daughter works at Bishops Stortford Library.

F Button as she is a trustee of Watford Workshop

D J Hewitt- as he is a trustee CHECKXS Charity, Cheshunt

F R G Hill – as she is the Chairman of the Royston and Buntingford Children's Centre Group which receives funding from the County Council and she is the Council's representative on the Old Barn Day Centre which receives funding from the County Council.

T Howard as she is the Director: CAD (Community Action Dacorum)

R M Roberts as he is a trustee of Community Action Dacorum.

R G Tindall as he is a trustee of the Hertfordshire Live Domestic Abuse Helpline and on the management committee of the Dacorum Educational Support Centre.

- 3.2 Members were presented with a brief overview of the full structure and detail of the council's Integrated Plan for 2019/20 -2022/23 (IP Plan) before discussing the detail of the section pertaining to Adult Care & Health
- 3.3 The Panel were advised that the key priorities and programmes outlined in the Adult Care & Health Portfolio reflected discussions and papers that had been presented to panel in the previous year, including the risk presented by care provider failure, as most recently experienced with the collapse of Allied Healthcare.
- 3.4 It was highlighted to Members that the paper also detailed the one-off grants for Social Care including the Winter Pressures payment for 2019/20 received as a result of the government's Autumn budget, and it also acknowledged the level of uncertainty surrounding the outcomes of the government's green paper on the future of social care.
- 3.5 During discussion, Members discussed the charts outlining the comparative local authority expenditure for younger adults and

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older adults.

3.6 In response to Member challenge it was advised that although the chart detailed that Hertfordshire had very high spend in comparison to its peers in relation to expenditure on younger adults with learning disabilities, the data in the report had been produced in 2016, and since that time intensive work had been undertaken to reduce expenditure through initiatives such as the creation of the 0-25 team, and transformation and commissioning projects aimed to reduce spend. Members were further advised that the chart outlined budget rather than actual spend, and although the budget figures were lower for other authorities some had actually overspent in this area, so actual final spend was on more of a par with Hertfordshire than detailed.

3.7 In relation to low expenditure for older adults it was noted that this was an area where Hertfordshire had worked hard to reduce costs, and although the comparative report indicated that other authorities had higher budgets in this area, since the report was published it was likely that neighbouring authorities had been required to reduce their costs in this area, and would now also be on par with Hertfordshire.

3.8 Further to comments from the Panel it was agreed that consideration would be made to commissioning an updated comparison report prior to the IP discussions in 2020.

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3.9 In response to a Member suggestion, it was also agreed that consideration would also be made to undertaking a direct comparative analysis and discussions with Cambridgeshire council, who were unusual as a county council, in having relatively low expenditure on learning disabilities. The general pattern is that unitary councils which have increased influence over housing are able to achieve comparatively higher levels of value for money in this area.

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3.10 Members were interested to learn about the council's plans to work with care providers to create a Nursing Associate Apprenticeship to attract a wider range of people into the workforce. It was noted that there was no indication from the NHS that the bursary scheme for Nurses was going to be re-introduced.

3.11 In response to Member concerns about nursing homes not accepting Local Authority rates for staffing, assurance was received that the strategy was to target financial support differentially towards nursing providers rather than providers of residential care which was somewhat easier for the council to procure. It was acknowledged that nursing homes increasingly required trained nursing staff due to the increased average age

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and level of physical and mental need of residents, and this was an area that the Director was highlighting at STP level.

- 3.12 It was highlighted that appropriate housing placements were one of the key priorities for the council in the forthcoming financial year, and that funding from the Invest to Transform budget was being used to drive forward the council's ambitions in this area, as set out in the Supported Accommodation Strategy.
- 3.13 Members noted that monies from the Improved Better Care Fund were in their final year of the funding stream, and in response to Member concern, assurance was received that provision was being made to ensure funding was available to continue essential projects, but also to conclude less essential projects should alternative funding not be sourced.
- 3.14 Further to discussion, the Panel received assurance that continued collaborative discussions and work would be undertaken with health commissioners and providers through forums such as the Health & Wellbeing Board to continue to provide options and solutions for the best outcomes for residents and patients within Hertfordshire.
- 3.15 On examining the savings outlined in the budget, Opposition Members expressed concerns with the budget proposals overall, but particularly the regarding the intent to make savings in the following areas: EE13- Reduce grants to voluntary organisations, and EE15- Reduction of central teams.
- 3.16 Members received explanation that in relation to EE13, the savings would be achieved through reducing the budget to meet the figure achieved by the underspend that had already occurred in this budget allocation.
- 3.17 Member challenge that the underspend should be reinvested into other projects instead of being cut completely was noted.
- 3.18 In relation to EE15, assurance was received that there would be no compulsory redundancies made to achieve the target. Instead as staff vacancies occurred, careful consideration would be made on a case by case basis as to whether the vacant position should be readvertised, or if an essential post, could potentially be funded by grant funding.
- 3.19 Members discussed the risks associated variable grant income streams, and in response to a Member request, it was agreed that a summary of these would be provided to Members in order to enhance clarity and knowledge.

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- 3.20 The Panel considered the Capital Programme and in response to Member challenge regarding the possibility of merging specific budgets in this area, the differences between A5 Community Transport and A6 Dial a Ride Vehicle Replacement Programme was explained and acknowledged.
- 3.21 Further to continued discussion and debate, the Chairman invited Members to a vote on the agreement of the budget proposals. The vote was proposed by E Buckmaster and seconded by S Gordon.
- 3.22 Further to a vote by a show of hands eight Members voted in favour of the budget and five Members abstained.
- 3.23 **CONCLUSION:**
Members commented to Cabinet on the proposals relating to the Integrated Plan in respect of Adult Care & Health portfolio.

The Panel identified issues that it felt that Cabinet should consider in finalising the Integrated Plan proposals.

Further to a vote by a show of hands five Opposition Members abstained from agreeing to the overall budget proposals, but particularly in relation to savings identified in EE13 and EE15.

Panel recommends to Cabinet that the Integrated Plan, in respect of Adult Care and Health, is approved noting the minuted comments from panel.

4. JOINT COMMISSIONING STRATEGY FOR LEARNING DISABILITIES 2019 – 2024 – THE BIG PLAN

Officer Contact:

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- 4.1 Members considered a report detailing the revised Joint Commissioning Strategy for 2019-24. Members received a presentation outlining the key points from the strategy which can be found at presentation 1 here:
<https://democracy.hertfordshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=207&MId=230&Ver=4>
- 4.2 Further to discussion, it was acknowledged that parents of young people with disabilities can find it difficult to discuss independence at an early stage, but assurance was received that Carers in Herts worked with families to support them to understand and engage with the Connected Lives Agenda, and the Learning Disability

Partnership Board also provided support and information to assist parents with their children's transition to independence.

- 4.3 Members noted the plans for accommodation developments which had been outlined as part of the IP discussions earlier in the meeting. A Member suggestion that council officers could attend partnership board with district councils to discuss housing options was noted.
- 4.4 The Panel were also pleased to note the action plan highlighted the increased use of co-production with stakeholders and in the achieving the outcomes outlined in the plan.
- 4.5 Further to discussion, it was agreed that an update report on the achievements attained through the new strategy should be brought to Adult Care & Health Cabinet Panel in 12 months' time.
- 4.6 In response to a Member question, it was confirmed that continued support would be available for people with Learning Disabilities to be treated at home rather than in hospital settings.
- 4.7 In response to a Member challenge regarding the fact that 89% of the 95 responses received in the public consultation were from white British people, assurance was received that consultation was undertaken with the idea population through organisations such as Carers in Herts and Mencap. It was noted the Equalities statement attached to the report highlighted the fact the strategy would have a positive impact on all hard to reach communities.
- 4.8 Members also noted that the strategy had been influenced by the outcomes of discussions in the Learning Disability Partnership Board and Carers Planning & Partnership Groups, both of which were attended by carers.
- 4.9 During discussion members expressed concern at the number of GP's being aware of patients Learning Disability status, which meant that patients were missing out on a free health check to which they were entitled. Assurance was received that ongoing work was being undertaken to promote this, but it was acknowledged that this was an ongoing challenge.
- 4.10 Further to a Member question it was explained that the New Leaf College was a service provided by the Hertfordshire Partnership Foundation Trust and the voluntary sector to offer courses on wellbeing.
- 4.11 Members discussed the training options outlined in the report, and further to Member suggestion it was clarified that training for carers was something that was being considered as part of the ongoing

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dialogue with Carers in Herts.

4.12 The panel discussed and noted the ongoing challenges facing people with learning disabilities in accessing employment and using public transport.

4.13 Further to a Member suggestion it was agreed that increased emphasis should be placed in the strategy on the promotion of physical activity.

4.14 **CONCLUSION:**

Panel noted and commented on the report and requested to Cabinet that Cabinet agree that the council implement the new Learning Disability Joint Commissioning Strategy April 2019 – March 2024 across Hertfordshire in partnership with both East & North Herts CCG and Herts Valleys CCG.

5 PROVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND LEARNING DISABILITY SERVICES FOR HERTFORDSHIRE

Officer Contact: Anna Hall, Senior Commissioning Manager, Integrated Health and Care Commissioning Team (Tel: 01438 843043)

5.1 Members received a report outlining NHS commissioners and the county council's intention to enter into a five-year contract with Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (HPFT) for the provision of mental health services within the county.

5.2 In response to a Member challenge it was noted that the pilot schemes outlined in the report had been commissioned to improve the primary care for mental health patients.

5.3 During discussion, Members expressed disappointment that the report had only been presented to Panel two months prior to the current contract coming to an end, consequently providing no opportunity to consider other options that may be available.

5.4 Further to a Member query it was clarified that Section 4.4 of the report should include Cambridge and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group as one of the organisations who would be a signatory on the Section 75 agreement for joint commissioning and pooled budgets.

5.5 It was explained to the Panel that the contract set out the agreement to undertake transformation projects with HPFT, which could include a number of options, the nature of which would be

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developed and agreed further to the contract being finalised.

- 5.6 Members noted that pooled budgets were critical to the success of the future of the provision mental health provision.
- 5.7 The panel discussed a number of areas where strengthened mental health provision was required including; schools, eating disorders, and low-level anxiety and depression.
- 5.8 Members advised that although the contract had not gone out to public consultation, as it was an expansion of existing mental health provision, it had been discussed with GP's and other health forums.
- 5.9 Members were then invited to consider the Part 2 report. Further to discussion and debate on the Part 2 report, Members were then asked to consider the recommendations outlined at Point 3.1 of the Part I report.
- 5.10 Further to continued discussion and debate, the Chairman invited Members to a vote on the agreement of the recommendations outlined for the provision of mental health services in Hertfordshire. The vote was proposed by D J Hewitt and seconded by J S Kaye.

E H Buckmaster and E M Gordon had left the meeting prior to the vote being cast.

CONCLUSION:

- 5.11 Members discussed the following recommendation:

Adult Care and Health Cabinet Panel and the Children, Young People & Families Cabinet Panel recommend to Cabinet the following:

That Cabinet:

- (i) Agree that, subject as mentioned in (ii) below, the Council enter into a five-year contract, with the option to extend for a further two years, with Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust from 1 April 2019, for the provision of a range of NHS and social care services for people with mental ill health and learning disabilities across Hertfordshire.
- (ii) The Director of Adult Care Services in consultation with Executive Member for Adult Care Services, the Executive Member for Children, Young People and Families and the Director of Children's Services be authorised to complete the

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negotiations and finalise the terms of the contract.

Further to a vote by a show of hands seven Members voted in favour of the recommendations and four Members abstained.

E H Buckmaster and E M Gordon had left the meeting prior to the vote being cast.

6. OTHER PART I BUSINESS

6.1 None reported

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