

Review Committee – 8 October 2013

Minutes of the meeting of the **Review Committee** held on **8 October 2013** when there were present:-

Chairman: Cllr C J Lumley
Vice-Chairman: Cllr D J Sperring

Cllr Mrs L A Butcher
Cllr R R Dray
Cllr J D Griffin
Cllr B T Hazlewood
Cllr M Hoy

Cllr J R F Mason
Cllr Mrs C E Roe
Cllr C G Seagers
Cllr I H Ward

VISITING MEMBER

Cllr T G Cutmore

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs T J Capon, Mrs A V Hale, T E Mountain and Mrs M J Webster.

OFFICERS PRESENT

P Warren - Chief Executive
J Bourne - Head of Community Services
R Evans - Head of Environmental Services
Y Woodward - Head of Finance
C McClellan - People and Policy Manager
A Lowing - Strategic Partnership Officer
P Gowers - Overview and Scrutiny Officer
M Power - Committee Administrator

ALSO PRESENT

Dr Sunil Gupta - Castle Point & Rochford Clinical Commissioning Group
Alison Springett - Essex County Council, Public Health

194 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3 September 2013 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

195 CASTLE POINT AND ROCHFORD HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

The Committee considered the report that provided details of the function, role and purpose of the local Joint Castle Point & Rochford Health and Wellbeing Board (CP&RHWB), which was set up in December 2011.

The independent commission set up to look at the future of health and social care in Essex, chaired by Sir Thomas Hughes-Hallett, had identified five major initiatives in Essex, which shortly would be discussed by the CP&RHWB. The Chairman of the CP&RHWB would be meeting with Southend Hospital to establish links, particularly in the area of acute services. A local joint Board was also seen as putting Rochford and Castle Point in a stronger position when dealing with larger authorities.

In response to questions, the following was noted:-

- The local CCG is led by clinicians, which results in a strong clinical focus.
- The statutory function for health and wellbeing rests with the County Board. The role of the CP&RHWB is to feed local health issues into the County HWBB, to ensure that plans are delivered and that attention is focussed in the right areas. The Board considers wider issues that affect health, such as housing.
- Work has been done by the CP&RHWB on dementia and obesity, two topics identified as particular issues in the Rochford and Castle Point Districts. A sustainability task force has been established to try to increase the amount of exercise that people do and to reduce car travel to and from school. The Befriending Service introduced in Castle Point, which covers people with dementia, had been adopted in the Rochford district.
- Although the CP&RHWB has no specific funding allocated to it, its role is to improve relationships between Health and Social Care and, in doing so, encourage the investment of joint resources into providing integrated care by the responsible agencies.
- If the CP&RHWB is not satisfied with the way health is being delivered, or agreed plans are being implemented, the matter can be referred to the Essex County Health Scrutiny Committee for investigation.
- The CP&RHWB performs primarily an information sharing and monitoring role. There are representatives on the CP&RHWB who are also members of the Essex County HWB Board. As commissioning of services develops, it is important that, via the local HWBB, the local view of what needs to be commissioned is taken into account. Having a local Board ensures that local delivery reflects local characteristics and needs.
- Under the system of Health and Wellbeing Boards there is a more detailed dialogue with GPs about health provision than existed when PCTs were in existence.
- When the CCG develops its plans for health provision in the District it needs to take into account any planned housing development in the District. There are discussions with local GP practices to ascertain the healthcare provision that is needed and, in this way, the CCG facilitates a

direct engagement between GPs and the local planning authority where required.

- The CP&RHWB does not engage directly with the public as it has no funding. The local CCG arranges public meetings to allow members of the public to engage directly with health and social service provision in the local area.
- Although the Health and Wellbeing Boards do not have any specific funding, costs are borne by various agencies, which also provide a staffing resource.
- The Health and Wellbeing Boards can question the quality of any of the services that are commissioned by the NHS and whether there is a need for improvement.
- One of the primary issues locally is meeting the needs of an ageing population, which includes the issues of dementia and the support given to carers, although it is recognised that this is a national issue. The CP&RHWB has established a working party to look at this in more detail. When the issues are identified they can be referred to the appropriate agency.
- The CP&RHWB meets quarterly and is under the umbrella of the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP), although the HWB can be approached directly. The focus of the work of the HWB is prevention. The CP&RHWB, as with other sub groups of the LSP, reports into a Performance Operation Group, thus reducing any duplication of areas of work, as well as enabling common areas to be joined up and funding opportunities looked at.

Resolved

That the contents of the report be noted.

196 KEY DECISIONS DOCUMENT

The Committee considered the Key Decisions Document.

197 WORK PLAN

The Committee considered and approved its Work Plan.

In respect of the topic 'delivery of local highway maintenance services' the Committee wanted to ask County Highways what their plans are in respect of the proposed new developments in the District, with the increase in traffic that would result.

It was agreed that further suggestions for review would be sought from Members. The Chairman suggested that the Committee looks at the Council's partnerships and the possibility of joint scrutiny for those shared partnerships.

There would also be additional topics as a result of recent reviews, which were to be considered later in the meeting.

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining business on the grounds that exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 would be disclosed.

198 REVIEW OF LEISURE SERVICE PROVISION AND THE LEISURE SERVICES CONTRACT

The Committee considered the exempt report that contained the information supplied to the project team by the Head of Community Services and the conclusions that they reached.

Cllr M Hoy abstained from the vote.

Resolved

That the recommendations on page 9.8 of the project team's exempt report be referred to the Executive.

199 REVIEW OF WOODLANDS, INCLUDING OPPORTUNITIES OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING STREAMS

The Committee considered the exempt report that contained the information supplied to the project team by the Head of Environmental Services and the conclusions that they reached.

Resolved

That the recommendations on pages 10.13-10.14 of the project team's exempt report be referred to the Executive.

200 REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S CAR PARKS AND PARKING CHARGES

The Committee considered the exempt report that contained the information supplied to the project team by the Transportation Manager and the conclusions that they reached.

Cllrs M Hoy and J R F Mason wished it noted that they voted against the recommendations.

Resolved

That the recommendations on page 11.8 of the project team's exempt report be referred to the Executive.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Chairman

Date

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