

HEALTH POLICY AND SERVICE COMMITTEE – ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15

To: Council

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From: Director of Public Health

Purpose: To consider the Annual Report 2014/15 for the Health Policy and Service Committee

Recommendation: Council is recommended to note the Health Policy and Service Committee Annual Report 2014/15.

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1. BACKGROUND

1.1 The Health Policy and Service Committee was established following the May 2014 annual meeting when the Council resolved to convert from a Leader Cabinet form of governance to a Committee System.

1.2 The committee comprises the following Members:

P Ashcroft, K Bourke, Sir P Brown, P Clapp, A Dent, S Frost, D Giles, D Jenkins, P Lagoda (*resigned 24 April 2015*), L Nethsingha, T Orgee, P Sales, J Schumann, J Scutt, M Smith, P Topping and J Williams. There are also five co-opted District/City Council members

The Chairman is Councillor Kilian Bourke, the Vice-Chairman is Councillor Tony Orgee and the Spokespeople are Councillors Tony Orgee, David Jenkins, Paul Clapp, Jocelyne Scutt and Derek Giles.

1.3 Over the last twelve months the committee has met nine times. Section 2 of the report highlights significant issues considered by the committee during this period.

2. HEALTH POLICY AND SERVICE COMMITTEE WORKLOAD

2.1 After receiving the Director of Public Health's Annual Report, which provides an overview of public health outcomes in the county, the committee identified three priorities for 2014/15: Mental health, Health inequalities, and Transport and Health.

2.2 The committee approved the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Suicide Prevention Strategy on behalf of the Council, and has launched a Public Mental Health Strategy for consultation. While specialist mental health services provided by the NHS treat diagnosed conditions, the public mental health strategy aims to promote and improve mental health among the population, in schools, the workplace and in the wider community.

2.3 The committee awarded the following contracts during 2014/15 through competitive tender. Both involved significant service redesign and addressed inequalities in provision across the county:

- County-wide sexual health and contraception services: awarded to Cambridgeshire Community Services (CCS)
- County-wide integrated lifestyle and weight management services: awarded to Sports and Leisure Management (SLM)

The committee agreed to develop a section 75 with Cambridgeshire Community Services (CCS) for school nursing services, and to the future novation of the NHS England contract with CCS for health visiting services, to the County Council.

2.4 The committee held a seminar to review the early findings of the 'Transport and Health' joint strategic needs assessment, and appointed Councillor Schumann as joint Transport and Health champion.

2.5 In business planning for 2015/16 the committee identified recurrent savings of £860k, in order to make new investments in priority areas. These include funding Centre 33 to provide counselling and drop in provision for young people experiencing mental health problems in areas where little provision currently exists, engaging with communities in areas of deprivation to address health inequalities,

particularly through the Healthy Fenland Fund, and helping to reduce pressures on care budgets by developing a Falls Prevention programme.

- 2.6 Following the budget setting process, the committee asked the DPH to initiate an integration project that would identify how public health outcomes could be better achieved by the Council as well as the wider local government and health system, to achieve the original rationale of the 2013 public health transfer. Public health specialist staff produced draft plans and presented these to Health Committee Councillors, as well as the Public Health Reference Group.
- 2.7 The committee responded to national consultations on standardised tobacco packaging, and on the national TB strategy on behalf of the Council, expressing strong support for both proposals and providing additional comment.
- 2.8 The committee carried out a number of NHS scrutiny functions including:
- Raising concerns about the lack of consultation with service users on Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Foundation Trust's (CPFT) proposal for the 'Lifeworks and Community Personality Disorder Service', working with both service users and CPFT to help reach an agreement to end the 'sit in' triggered by the proposals, and making a detailed Health Committee response to the consultation
 - Responding to the CPFT consultation on changes to Art Therapy service.
 - Establishing a working group to scrutinise development of the health system five year strategy for mental health
 - Participating in a successful resolution process between NHS England and a Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee with Norfolk and Suffolk, on changes to surgical services for liver metastases.
 - Raising concerns about declining cervical screening rates and calling on NHS England to work with our Public Health team to address these concerns.
- 2.9 The committee also prioritised scrutiny of the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group's (C&PCCG) procurement process for Older People and Adult Community Services (OPACS), which seeks to integrate or align the full range of NHS care services for Cambridgeshire over-65's including
- Working with C&PCCG to confirm that the responses to public consultation on OPACS services were factored into provider bids during the procurement.
 - Establishing a working group to scrutinise implementation of the new OPACS contract, following its award to UnitingCare.
- 2.10 The committee has invited both the CCG and NHS Providers to attend the committee for scrutiny of the following issues:
- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group Out of Hours and 111 services Procurement. A Health Committee working group was established to respond to the public consultation on the procurement.
 - Recent pressures in the Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire Health System, related to implementation of the e-hospital system at Addenbrooke's and more general demand pressures
 - Patient safety and quality at Hinchingbrooke hospital, following the findings of a Care Quality Commission inspection
 - East of England Ambulance Trust performance

Source Documents	Location
Agenda and Minutes of the Health Policy and Service Committee	http://www2.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/CommitteeMinutes/Committees/Committee.aspx?committeeID=76