

ADULTS POLICY AND SERVICE COMMITTEE – ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15

To: Council

Date: 12th May 2015

From: Executive Director: Children, Families and Adults Services

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

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

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1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Adults 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, A Bailey, K Bourke, D Connor, S Crawford, D Giles, G Kenney, M Loynes, L Nethsinga, F Onasanya, T Orgee, K Reynolds, S Rylance, M Smith, M Tew, G Wilson and F Yeulett

The Chairwoman is Councillor Sandra Rylance, the Vice-Chairwoman is Councillor Anna Bailey and the Spokespersons are Councillors Anna Bailey, Sandra Crawford, Derek Giles, Peter Ashcroft and Graham Wilson.

- 1.3 Over the last twelve months the committee has met eight times. Section 2 of the report highlights a number of significant issues considered by the committee during this period, a full list of decisions taken can be found via the link included at source documents.

2.0 ADULTS POLICY AND SERVICE COMMITTEE WORKLOAD

- 2.1 Key Issues decided over this period of time include:

2.1.1 Adult Mental Health Section 75

The Committee received a report presenting the draft Agreement under Section 75 of the National Health Services Act 2006 between Cambridgeshire County Council (the Council) and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust (CPFT) for the provision of adult and older people's mental health delegated Council services. The report explained that the Council had entered into a number of agreements with the National Health Service (NHS) since 2002; it had had a Section 75 agreement with CPFT since 2009. Under that agreement, the Council delegated its mental health-related social care activity to CPFT. Changes in how CPFT delivered services and in the Council's strategic approach for adult social care meant that a new Section 75 agreement was now needed to ensure a clear governance structure for delivery of the delegated duties. The committee agreed to delegate to the Executive Director: Children, Families and Adults Services in consultation with the Chairwoman and Vice-Chairwoman of the Committee authority to approve and sign the final version of the Section 75 Agreement, including all Schedules

2.1.2 Review of Adult Social Care Services provided by Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Trust

The Committee received a report setting out details of the options for the future management and delivery of the following social care services provided at the time under a Section 75 Agreement with Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Trust:

- Reablement services for older people and 18-64 year olds with physical disabilities;
- Occupational Therapy for adults;
- Assistive Technology and Telehealthcare;
- Administrative and management support to the above functions.

The committee agreed that negotiations with Cambridgeshire Community Services, and subsequently the Uniting Care Partnership be conducted on the basis that:

- 1) The Reablement service is transferred to the direct management by the Council.
- 2) The Occupational Therapy services continue to be run and delivered as an integrated service, preferably managed by the successful new provider through a Section 75 Agreement (or contract) with the Council.
- 3) The Assistive Technology and Telehealthcare service transferred to the County Council.

The relevant transfers took place on 1 April 2015.

2.1.3 Cambridgeshire Local Assistance Scheme (CLAS)

The scheme provides crisis support for those suddenly finding themselves having to set up a new home or to re-establish themselves back into the community, as well as providing crisis support for those in need of food, clothing and heating.

In response to budget pressures, the Committee agreed the preferred option for controlling spend for the remainder of 2014-15 by reducing the upper award limit from the current £1,000 per application to £530 per application but with the scope to allow discretion to award a greater sum in exceptional circumstances to be implemented from 1 October 2014. Subsequent discussions have considered the future of the scheme in the light of an uncertain national funding position. It was agreed that that officers begin discussions with key partners and stakeholders about how, collectively, Cambridgeshire might respond to a withdrawal of Government funding for local welfare schemes. These discussions along with consideration of options for the future funding of the scheme are ongoing.

2.1.4 Better Care Fund

The Committee has received regular updates on Cambridgeshire's Better Care Fund plan and ratified Cambridgeshire's bid which has been accepted by Government with conditions attached and subsequently approved. In order for the Better Care Fund to be delivered, it was noted that it was necessary for a pooled budget arrangement to be established between Cambridgeshire County Council and the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). Therefore a Section 75 agreement needed to be agreed by representatives of both organisations. A working group was set up around this and delegated authority subsequently given to the Executive Director to agree the final s75 agreement.

2.1.5 Transforming Lives: A New Strategic Approach to Social Work and Social Care for Adults in Cambridgeshire

The Committee has received three reports on the Transforming Lives programme through the year. Transforming Lives sets out a vision for strategic change in the future role and approach of adult social care. The committee agreed to champion the role of all Members engaging with their local communities to support this work as well as considering and commenting on progress made with the project.

2.1.6 Business Planning

The committee considered reports on business planning in July, September, October, November and December as capital and revenue savings proposals were developed. In December the committee noted the Council's overall financial

position and the remaining milestones in the Business Planning process. The Committee also agreed the use of additional funding allocated by the General Purposes Committee on 2nd December 2014.

It was agreed that further detail on the performance indicators for the Business Plan 2015/16 were brought back to a future Committee for further comment.

| Source Documents | Location |
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| Agenda and Minutes of the Adults Policy and Service Committee | http://www2.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/CommitteeMinutes/Committees/Committee.aspx?committeeID=72 |