

HEALTH COMMITTEE: MINUTES:

Date: Thursday 11th December 2014

Time: 1.35 p.m. to 2.35 p.m.

Present: Councillors K Bourke (Chairman), P Ashcroft, D Giles, D Jenkins, M Loynes (substituting for Cllr P Brown), L Nethsingha, T Orgee, P Sales, J Schumann, J Scutt, M Smith, and J Wisson

District Councillors R Carter (Huntingdonshire), S Ellington (South Cambridgeshire) and H Williams (East Cambridgeshire)

Apologies: Councillors P Brown, A Dent, S Frost and P Topping; District Councillors M Cornwell and T Moore

80. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

81. MINUTES: 20th NOVEMBER 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th November 2014 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Members noted that the actions recorded in the minutes had been completed or were in hand.

82. PETITIONS

No petitions were received.

83. OVERVIEW OF BUSINESS PLANNING PROPOSALS

The Committee received an update report on the Business Planning Process, including a recommendation on the use of public health funding for falls prevention. A revised version of report paragraph 3.7 was circulated giving more detailed and updated information on proposed recurrent and non-recurrent savings to fund falls prevention (attached as Appendix A to these minutes).

Members noted that falls had already been identified in the Prevention of Ill Health in Older People Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) as a significant preventable cause of ill health and hospitalisation in older people, and noted that there was a requirement to have regard to the JSNA when allocating the public health grant.

In the course of discussion, members

- noted that there was little information about the circumstances of individual falls to account for Cambridge having falls figures higher than the national average, and Huntingdonshire having figures lower than the average

- pointed out that day centres had good knowledge of their service users' history and were in a position to identify those who were vulnerable to falling
- expressed concern at the lack of detailed business case to demonstrate that the proposed investment would indeed represent value for money
- noted that any underspend on the ring-fenced public health grant would be retained in an earmarked public health reserve and could be spent elsewhere within the terms of the public health grant
- urged that care be taken to avoid duplication of effort on falls prevention, citing the example of the high priority that East Cambridgeshire Health Partnership placed on falls prevention, and asked that information on what was already being done by UnitingCare Partnership and local health partnerships be included in any subsequent report
- asked that a review of the evidence for the effectiveness of any investment of public health funding in falls prevention be carried out at the end of the first two years
- suggested that the Committee was not in a position to agree the recommendation to approve the use of public health funding for falls prevention because of the lack of a detailed business case, while acknowledging that the Director of Public Health had been given very little time in which to draw up the proposals.

It was proposed by Councillor Nethsingha and seconded by Councillor Sales that the third recommendation be amended to read (additions in bold, deletions struck through):

- c) **delegate to the Director of Public Health in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman authority to** ~~discuss and~~ confirm recommendations on the use of public health funding for falls prevention in response to the request made at the GPC meeting on 2 December

On being put to the vote, the amendment was carried unanimously. The Committee went on to consider the amended recommendation.

It was resolved to:

- a) note the remaining milestones in the Business Planning Process
- b) note further information from the Director of Public Health on falls prevention as a local public health issue
- c) delegate to the Director of Public Health in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman authority to confirm recommendations on the use of public health funding for falls prevention in response to the request made at the General Purposes Committee meeting on 2 December.

84. APPOINTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND HEALTH CHAMPION

The Committee received a report seeking its support for the appointment of a Member Champion for transport and health issues, in line with the Economy and Environment

Committee's appointment of Councillor Joshua Schumann as Health Champion. Members noted that the Health Committee had already, at its meeting on 29th May 2014, suggested that the two committees could work together on linking transport and health issues, and that Councillor Schumann was a member of both committees.

Thanking the Committee for considering his official appointment, Councillor Schumann undertook to work with colleagues and report back to Committee on what he was doing.

It was resolved:

to appoint Councillor Joshua Schumann as Transport and Health Champion, with the remit of promoting joined-up working on transport issues between the Economy and Environment Committee, Highways and Community Infrastructure Committee, the Health Committee and Public Health.

85. HEALTH COMMITTEE AGENDA PLAN

The Committee considered its agenda plan to May 2015. Members identified Delayed Transfer of Care (DTOC) as a topic of concern, and asked the Director of Corporate Affairs, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group, to supply a briefing paper setting out figures and the mechanism for dealing with DTOC as soon as possible in January, in preparation for an agenda item on DTOC on 12th March. The Executive Director: Children, Families and Adults would also be asked for the Council's DTOC figures. **Action required**

Other topics suggested for scrutiny included GP capacity and the consequences of the conviction for child abuse of the Addenbrooke's paediatrician Myles Bradbury. It was pointed out that GP capacity could be considered as part of planned work on health inequalities, and suggested that it might be appropriate to write to Addenbrooke's seeking assurance in the wake of the conviction.

It was resolved to note the agenda plan, subject to the following additions:

To the agenda for 15th January 2015:

Falls prevention

Scrutiny Item: NHS 5 year Forward Plan

To the agenda for 12th March 2015:

Health Inequalities paper

Scrutiny Item: Delayed transfers of care

Scrutiny Item: CCG Out of Hours and 111 Services procurement: outcome of consultation.

Chairman