

ADULTS COMMITTEE: MINUTES

Date: Thursday 13 December 2018

Time: 2.00 pm to 3.20 pm

Present: Councillors A Costello, S Crawford, J French, N Harrison, M Goldsack, J Gowing, M Howell (Vice-Chairman), S Van de Ven and D Wells.

Apologies: Councillor A Bailey (Substituted by Councillor J Gowing), Councillor D Giles and Councillor G Wilson (Substituted by Councillor S Van de Ven).

143. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies received from Councillors A Bailey, D Giles and G Wilson. No declarations of interest received.

144. MINUTES – 15 NOVEMBER 2018 AND ACTION LOG

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 2018 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Vice Chairman. The action log was noted.

145. PETITIONS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS

No petition or public questions were received.

146. WINTER PRESSURES AND ADDITIONAL PUBLIC FUNDING

The Committee considered a report that provided an overview of the approach to managing winter pressures and the proposed investment of the recently announced £2.395 million national Hancock monies.

To address the primary cause of social care related Delayed Transfers of Care (DTOCs), it was proposed to utilise the money to;

- Increase capacity of reablement provision to deliver domiciliary care as the provider of last resort £300k and,
- Purchase additional 2956 hours per week of domiciliary care via discharge cars £2,100k.

In discussing the report Members:

- Noted that delays were primarily due to the lack of domiciliary care capacity.
- Noted that guidance from Government on how to utilise the monies gave no provision regarding governance arrangements. It had been agreed with

Health Colleagues that decisions on spend would be taken at Adults Committee.

- Discussed the need to flex how the money was utilised as winter progressed and gave Officers permission to do this.
- Welcomed that the additional 10 FTE Reablement Support Workers and noted that they would be deployed across the County.
- Noted that winter pressures were a long term issue and this had been addressed in the impending local government budget announcement.
- Discussed the ongoing challenges with recruitment and noted the recent successful recruitment campaigns. Members congratulated officers on the award received for the reablement recruitment campaign. Members noted that the reablement service was currently fully staffed with around 300 staff but that recruitment would continue to ensure that any gaps would be filled accordingly.
- Queried work with NHS colleagues to make further improvements. Members noted that there were a number of ongoing pieces of work with NHS partners and that the Capacity Board for Health and Social Care focused on demand on the system and capacity going forwards.
- Noted that CCC may want to release some of the hours purchased to Health and that collaboration with Health colleagues was crucial. It was essential that the criteria and guidelines were followed to best effect to reduce the DTOCs and do what was right for the patient.
- Noted that the domiciliary hours commissioned would need to be flexed on a daily basis and that there would be a report on a monthly basis on spend. Members requested that the DTOC dashboard be circulated to the Committee on a monthly basis. **ACTION**
- Queried the capacity of agencies to meet the additional hours and noted that CCC were confident that they could already meet half of the hours. Other solutions would be sought if necessary to meet the additional hours.
- Sought clarity on CCCs relationship with Allied Health Care. Members noted that Cambridgeshire had some packages with them and that the local branch had been excellent. The business had been sold to a new provider and CCC were working with them to keep continuity of care.

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) to approve the investment of the £2.395 million Hancock monies as set out in the report,
- b) to approve the flex of funding to meet the outcomes set out by Government.

147. CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – ADASS REGIONAL SELF ASSESSMENT

The Committee received a presentation on the self assessment of Adult Social Care in Cambridgeshire along with a report summarising the key findings.

In considering the report Members:

- Noted that a buddying session had taken place recently with colleagues in Southend and in the New Year there would be an external challenge and then a regional report and action plan would be produced.
- Queried a point on the slide (page 56 of the papers) outlining where Cambridgeshire was doing better than national /regional average, 'Permanent admissions to care homes'. There was a need to clarify that this meant that permanent admissions were low. **ACTION**
- Queried the examples of best practice on page 46 of the papers and asked for them to be simplified. **ACTION**
- Requested some simple metrics be added to the presentation in the performance section. **ACTION**
- Requested that on the voluntary sector slide, (page 52 of the papers) the wording was made clearer. **ACTION**
- Requested that the Neighbourhood Cares Pilot be highlighted in the presentation. **ACTION**
- Requested that on the 'Areas for improvement' slide the word 'both' should be removed. **ACTION**
- Questioned what work was being done to prepare for any issues in relation to recruitment after Brexit. Members noted that a lot of work had been done to prepare nationally and that CCC had ongoing conversations with providers and that not all of the issues were Brexit related and capacity had actually grown by 12% in the domiciliary care market.

It was resolved unanimously to:

Consider the self assessment for Cambridgeshire Adult Social care and agree a public facing summary for inclusion on the Council website.

148. ADULTS COMMITTEE REVIEW OF DRAFT REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUSINESS PLANNING PROPOSALS FOR 2019/20 TO 2023/24

The Committee received a report that provided an overview of the draft Business Plan revenue and capital proposals in the remit of the Adults

Committee.

In considering the report Members:

- Noted that the main change to the report since it was last at Committee in October was the increase of £1 million in the Better Care Fund.
- Queried how confident Officers were that the Adults Positive Challenge savings would be made. Members noted that a lot more work had been done since a report last came to Committee. A meeting with the Chair of the Committee, the Leader of the Council and the Chief Finance Officer had taken place and the investments had been agreed. There were 10 workstreams with detailed proposals. A trajectory had been developed to monitor the programme. The savings would be stretching and would need to be reviewed on a regular basis in terms of phasing. .
- Discussed whether the investment of MRP savings would be deferred. Members noted that the local government settlement was being announced that day and this would be clarified as part of the settlement.
- Queried whether the action in the business case on page 105 of the papers had been positive in terms of moving away from institutionalised care. Officers agreed to provide a brief to Members. **ACTION**

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) note the overview and context provided for the 2019/20 to 2023/24 Business Plan revenue proposals for the Service, updated since the last report to the Committee in October.

It was resolved by majority to:

- b) comment on the draft revenue savings proposals that are within the remit of the Adults Committee for 2019/20 to 2023/24, and endorse them to the General Purposes Committee (GPC) as part of consideration for the Council's overall Business Plan.
- c) comment on the changes to the capital programme that are within the remit of the Adults Committee and endorse them to the General Purposes Committee (GPC) as part of consideration for the Council's overall Business Plan.

149. FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORT – OCTOBER 2018

The Committee received the October 2018 iteration of the Finance and Performance report. In presenting the report it was noted that People and Communities at the end of October forecasted an overall overspend of £4m which was an increase from a forecast £2.7 m overspend in September.

Specifically for lines relating to Adults Committee, the forecast for October was

an overspend of £175k, which was a marginal improvement from the £206k overspend forecast in August.

In considering the report Members:

- Noted that the cause of the overspend had remained unchanged from last month principally being the pressures on care spend within Learning Disability and Older People's services as well as a slower than anticipated delivery of certain savings programmes. These pressures had been partially mitigated by the application of funding of a further £150k had been applied in October to mitigate the increased forecast overspend as Winter approached.
- Noted that that there had been further progress on the red indicator for proportion of adults with a primary support reason of learning disability support in paid employment. All reviews were due to be completed by the end of March and the percentage in employment would then rise significantly.
- Welcomed the overall budgetary control but noted that there would be increased pressures particularly over the winter period particularly in relation to nursing where cost pressures are expected.
- One member queried whether, if the revenue grant was deferred, would an increase in Council tax be looked into?. Members noted this was one of many different factors that would need to be taken into account.

It was resolved unanimously to review and comment on the report.

150. AGENDA PLAN, APPOINTMENTS AND TRAINING PLAN

Members requested interim updates on the Adults Positive Challenge Programme the Neighbourhood Cares Pilot. Members agreed that seminars on both subjects would be appropriate. Officers agreed to review whether the reserve dates for Committees in February and April could be used for this purpose. **ACTION**

Members noted the updated training plan.

151. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members noted the date of the next meeting as Thursday 10 January 2019.

Chair