

# **ADULT AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES COMMITTEE**

## **MINUTES AND DECISION RECORD**

13 JUNE 2019

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

### **Present:**

Councillor: Sue Little (In the Chair)

Councillors: James Brewer, Amy Prince, Stephen Thomas and Barbara Ward.

Also present:

Evelyn Leck and Gordon and Stella Johnston

Officers: Jill Harrison, Director of Adult and Community Based Services  
Gemma Ptak, Assistant Director, Preventative and Community Based Services  
Danielle Swainston, Assistant Director, Joint Commissioning  
David Cosgrove, Democratic Services Team

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Tony Richardson and Mike Young. Apologies were also submitted on behalf of Frank Harrison.

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Thomas declared a personal interest as an employee of Hartlepool Healthwatch.  
Councillor Ward declared a personal interest as a Director of Bringing Communities Together.

### **3. Minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2019**

Received.

### **4. Introduction to Adult and Community Based Services** *(Director of Adult and Community Based Services)*

### **Type of decision**

For information only.

### **Purpose of report**

To provide the Adult and Community Based Services Committee with information regarding the Adult and Community Based Services department, including structures, service provision, achievements, budget position and challenges.

### **Issue(s) for consideration**

The Director of Adult and Community Based Services, together with the Assistant Director, Preventative and Community Based Services gave a presentation to the Committee outlining the role of the Committee and Members; the structure of the department and the senior management team, the services provided within the Adult Services and Preventative and Community Based Services sections of the department; and the cross-departmental services provided through Joint Commissioning and the directly commissioned services to older and vulnerable adults.

The presentation outlined some of the performance statistics, independent external ratings and service user feedback on the services provided by the department. The overall budget position was outlined together with the budget pressures that were challenging the future delivery of services. The Director concluded the presentation by outlining some of the priorities for the next year together with an indication of some of the forthcoming major reports to the Committee.

The Chair thanked the Director for the comprehensive presentation which was useful to both new and long-standing Members, particularly around the community based services which formed the relatively newer part of the Committee's remit. The Chair welcomed the invitation for Members to visit some of the venues now under the remit of the Committee and indicated that she may hold some future meetings in those venues to allow the Committee a greater appreciation of the facilities and service related issues that fall within the Committee remit. The Chair referred to a visit she had scheduled with the Assistant Director to the Mill House Leisure Centre on 15 July at 10.00 am and extended the invitation to all Members. The Assistant Director indicated that a report on the future look of leisure centre provision would be submitted to the Committee later in the year.

The meeting discussed out of hours contact arrangements and the emergency mental health services provided by Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Trust. Members also suggested that it would be useful to receive a report setting out, in as simple a manner as was feasible, the complex funding arrangements that underpinned the services the department provided. Such a briefing report would assist Members' understanding of the difficult financial position the department faced in meeting the reduced Council budget for 2020/21.

An update on the proposed Care Academy was also requested with the Director indicating that such a report had been scheduled for the September meeting of the Committee. The revised strategy for drug and alcohol services was also discussed with the Director indicating that this was within the remit of the Health and Wellbeing Board and any update report would be submitted to the Board.

**Decision**

That the report and discussions be noted.

**5. Chair's closing comments**

The Chair thanked everyone in attendance for their support during this, her first meeting as Chair of the Committee. The Chair wished to record her thanks to the outgoing Chair, Councillor Thomas, for his work as Chair of the Committee and the support he had provided.

**6. Any Other Items which the Chair Considers are Urgent**

None.

The Committee noted that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 18 July 2019 commencing at 10.00 am in the Civic Centre.

The meeting concluded at 11.10 am

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**CHIEF SOLICITOR**

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