

ADULT AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES AND DECISION RECORD

17 MARCH 2022

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

Present:

Councillor: Tim Fleming (In the Chair)

Councillors: Gordon Cranney, Angela Falconer and Sue Little.

Also present: Councillor Rachel Creevy as substitute for Councillor Amy Prince in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.2.

Maxine Crutwell (Programme Manager) and Laura Cattermole
(Associate Nurse Consultant/ Programme Lead), Tees, Esk and Wear
Valleys NHS Trust

Christopher Akers-Belcher, Hartlepool HealthWatch

Frank Harrison and Evelyn Leck.

Officers: Jill Harrison, Director of Adult and Community Based Services
Gemma Ptak, Assistant Director, Preventative and Community Based
Services
Neil Harrison, Head of Safeguarding and Specialist Services
Leigh Keeble, Head of Community Hubs and Wellbeing
Julian Heward, Communications and Marketing Team
David Cosgrove, Democratic Services Team

38. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Amy Prince.

39. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Rachel Creevy declared a personal interest in minute No. 43.

40. Minutes of the meeting held on 17 February 2022

Received.

41. Loan of Freud Painting (*Director of Adults and Community Based Services*)

Type of decision

Key Decision. General Exception Notice applies.

Purpose of report

To request permission to loan the Lucien Freud painting 'Head of a Woman' to the Lightbox Gallery in Woking.

Issue(s) for consideration

The Assistant Director, Preventative and Community Based Services reported that the Council had been approached by The Lightbox, Woking, who have requested to borrow Lucian Freud, Head of a Woman, HAPMG : 1971.38, oil on canvas, for their exhibition Lucian Freud: Paint and Place commencing 26 November 2022 to 19 March 2023.

Members were assured that the gallery met Arts Council GIS levels of security and environment and that the work would be fully insured on a nail-to-nail basis, with proof of this provided before the painting is collected. The Lightbox will cover all costs associated with this loan.

Decision

That the loan of the Freud painting 'Head of a Woman' to the Lightbox Gallery, Woking be approved.

42. Community Mental Health Framework Transformation for Hartlepool (*Director of Adults and Community Based Services*)

Type of decision

Non-key Decision.

Purpose of report

To provide an update to the Adult and Community Based Services Committee on the community mental health transformation framework and development of an operational model and to seek support for the implementation of the model as a collaborative partnership for Hartlepool.

Issue(s) for consideration

The Head of Safeguarding and Specialist Services reported that the NHS England long term plan included an ambition to develop new integrated community models for adults with severe mental illness by 2023/24. The Community Mental Health framework would ensure adults and older adults have greater choice and control over their care, and are supported to live well in their communities. Representatives from Tees Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust were in attendance to provide members with

a short presentation, an overview of the work to date and the proposed model.

The representatives from Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Trust together with the Head of Community Hubs and Wellbeing gave a presentation to the Committee outlining: -

- The background, and the core aims of the community transformation programme.
- The move from fragmented silo working to integrated, holistic, person-centred care model with services and care pathways co-produced with service users, carers and local communities.
- The HealthWatch report findings following a review of the services across the five borough council areas. HealthWatch had engaged with 900 people across the Tees Valley during the preparation of their report.
- The new staffing and carer led management structure.
- The new delivery model involving primary care networks and the community hubs.
- How the services in Hartlepool were being progressed with TEWV, the Council and the Voluntary Sector. This included new multi-agency weekly virtual huddle meetings to plan services for specific patients. This was strengthening the relationships between organisations.
- 'Huddle' meetings were discussing around 4 people each week coordinating person specific service delivery, rather than pointing people at set services.
- The collocation of TEWV staff with Community Navigators and Adult Social Care in Central Hub/Support Hub.
- The location of one full time mental health practitioner in most Primary Care network settings with practitioners providing 20 minute appointments to over 50 people each week. Across Teesside 4935 appointments had been facilitated between June and October.

Members welcomed the update and commented that anything that could reduce the stigma of seeking help for mental health issues would make a huge difference and the provision of these services through community hubs provided that. Through discussion it was reported to Members that there were three mental health practitioners in Hartlepool aligned with the three primary care networks. The siting of the practitioners at GP surgery locations and in the community hubs provided an easy route to wider wrap around services and allowed signposting to other services in the community. It was highlighted that there was a shortage of qualified staff so there was some training and upskilling ongoing.

The Hartlepool HealthWatch representative commented that the report had involved the highest consultation response rate of any work previously undertaken by the group. The issues around stigma came out in the workshops held during the consultation process and the new service delivery model would go a long way to removing that stigma. The HealthWatch representative thanked TEWV and the Council for the pace

at which the changes to the service delivery were being implemented providing improved access for people. Access to services for those 'seldom heard' groups could be improved and communication needed to improve with those groups to ensure the messages around the new services were conveyed so that they could also see the benefit in the new arrangements.

The Director of Adult and Community Based Services thanked colleagues from TEWV and the staff in the department and the community hubs for the work that had gone into delivering the changes to this service area at such a rapid pace. Delivering services through the community hubs supported the Community Led Support approach and allowed people to be supported in a way that best met their needs. Simply ensuring that people were receiving all the benefits they were entitled to could make a significant difference to their wellbeing and the colocation of multiple services allowed for opportunistic conversations about issues people were facing. The Director stated that a further update could be brought to Committee if Members wished.

Members welcomed the report and the presentation and commented on the positive feedback already being received from people using the services. It was suggested that some wider publicity would be beneficial so more people were aware of the services available.

The Chair thanked Members for their comments and thanked the representatives from TEWV and HealthWatch for their reports and input into the meeting. The Chair stated that this was another positive service change delivering real benefits for the people of Hartlepool.

Decision

That the update report be noted and that the Committee stated its strong support the proposed model as a collaborative partnership for Hartlepool.

43. Historic England Grant Funding; Conservation Area Management Plans *(Assistant Director (Preventative and Community Based Services))*

Type of decision

Non-Key decision.

Purpose of report

The purpose of this report is to provide information on a successful bid to Historic England's Capacity Building Grant Scheme.

Issue(s) for consideration

The Assistant Director, Preventative and Community Based Services reported that in October 2021 Historic England invited local planning authorities in the North East and Yorkshire to make expressions of interest for funding towards the cost of preparing practical and meaningful

conservation area management plans (CAMPs) to help guide place-making in conservation areas. A bid was submitted and a subsequent invitation to make a full application was requested. The application to the Grant Scheme in January was entitled, 'Hartlepool Coastal Conservation Area Management Plans' focusing on the Headland and Seaton Carew Conservation Areas. Both Headland and Seaton Carew Conservation Areas were considered to be at risk using the Historic England criteria to assess buildings at risk.

Historic England had offered grant assistance of £20,000 to support progression of the work, however, the grant conditions were that there was a match funding contribution from the applicant. The department were able to contribute match funding of £10,000 from one-off non-recurring funds to secure this additional investment into the town.

A member of the public commented that one of the major drawbacks for residents in conservation areas was that when undertaking improvements to their homes, the costs of work went up simply because they were in a conservation area and had to meet set criteria and standards. The Assistant Director stated that while not being able to control prices the local authority was working with local providers and companies on standards and skills for such works.

Decision

That the successful grant application be noted.

44. Waverley Project Update *(Director of Adults and Community Based Services)*

Type of decision

For information.

Purpose of report

To provide members with an update on the Waverley Project and proposals to further develop the site.

Issue(s) for consideration

The Assistant Director, Preventative and Community Based Services reported that the Waverley Terrace Allotment Project was set up in 2007 by the Waverley Allotment Group involving adults with a range of needs including learning and physical disabilities, mental health needs and social disadvantage. The project was originally developed by the Council's Adult Services Team and service users with support from a range of local partners across Hartlepool.

The report updated Members on the funding that had been obtained for the scheme and the development of the project and how it was currently supporting the local community. A Waverley Officers Group was established in June 2021 incorporating key staff members from Adult

Social Care, Learning and Skills, Community Hubs and Heritage and Countryside who all had an interest in the Waverley Project.

The purpose of the group was to work collaboratively to review, enhance and expand the offer on the Waverley Site. The Waverley Officers Group developed proposals on how the land can be most effectively used to deliver a range of priorities to support the community through a partnership across the Adult and Community Based Services Department. A proposed site plan had been developed and was appended to the report. The working group had also identified £53,000 of capital funding to support the delivery of the new plan. The Council also received confirmation in November 2021 that it had been successful in securing an additional £6,000 from the Durham Freemasons Charitable Giving Fund. This additional funding will allow the purchase of materials for raised beds and create additional structures to further enhance the Waverley Project. The Assistant Director also stated that ISG Construction had also indicated that as part of their local social value work, they would provide some labouring work as part of the development of the site.

Members welcomed the update and proposals for the site and welcomed the additional funding and support from ISG. Members commented on the work of officers over the years since the site commenced in providing this highly valuable local asset. It was suggested that the site could also provide a valuable gateway into allotments for young people.

The HealthWatch representative welcomed the report but indicated that access to the site and the wider Rossmere recreation area was still difficult for those with disabilities. There were also concerns expressed by some users with learning disabilities whose access to the site seemed to have reduced markedly. The Director of Adult and Community Based Services acknowledged the comments and indicated that some of the additional capital money would be directed to improved access.

Decision

That the update and the plans for future development were supported.

45. Any Other Items which the Chairman Considers are Urgent

The Chairman stated there were no items of urgency. The Chair indicated that this was the last meeting of the municipal year and thanked Elected Members, officers and representatives from partner organisations for their input to this meeting and the meetings throughout the year which had been extremely valuable and always directed towards improving the services provide to the people of Hartlepool.

The meeting concluded at 11.25 am

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CHIEF SOLICITOR

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