

## HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (SOCIAL WELL-BEING) held in Civic Suite 0.1A, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon, PE29 3TN on Tuesday, 7 February 2012.

PRESENT: Councillor S J Criswell – Chairman.

Councillors S Akthar, K M Baker, I C Bates,  
J J Dutton, S M Van De Kerkhove,  
Mrs D C Reynolds and R J West.

Mrs M Nicholas – Co-opted Member.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs J A Dew and Mrs P A Jordan and Mr R Coxhead.

### **90. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 3rd January 2012 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **91. MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

Councillor J J Dutton declared a personal interest in Minute No. 93 by virtue of being a Member of Cambridgeshire County Council.

### **92. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000: FORWARD PLAN**

The Panel considered and noted the current Forward Plan of Key Decisions (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) which had been prepared by the Executive Leader of the Council for the period 1st February to 31st May 2012.

### **93. NHS CONSULTATION: PROPOSED REDESIGN OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACROSS CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH**

*(Ms A Newton, Director of Operations and Ms C Mitchell, Director of Integrated Commissioning for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust and Ms C Warner, Commissioning Service Improvement Manager for Mental Health, were in attendance for consideration of this item).*

Pursuant to Minute No. 11/79, the Panel received a presentation from Ms A Newton and Ms C Mitchell, Director of Operations and Director of Integrated Commissioning for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust respectively, on the way the provision of mental health services had change in the last 30 years, the clinical rationale for the closure of Acer Ward, the availability of acute care services and the decision made by NHS Cambridgeshire to relocate

the Crisis Resolution Home Team back in Huntingdon. Responses to each of the points made by the Panel in its first submission on the consultation on the Proposed Redesign of Mental Health Services Across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough were also provided.

The Chairman reminded Members that since the previous meeting, NHS Cambridgeshire representatives had attended a briefing session for all Members on the proposals, which took place on 1st February 2012. He indicated that he had also met with Circle Healthcare, NHS Cambridgeshire representatives and the Executive Councillor for Healthy and Active Communities to discuss options to preserve the mental health facility at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital. Circle had confirmed that they would be submitting their own response to the consultation but that this would have an operational orientation intended to ensure that robust arrangements would be in place at the Hospital to deal with mental health patients.

The Chairman reported that he had received feedback from patients who had utilised the mental health facility in Peterborough. He outlined the experiences which had been reported to him relating to the poor quality of food, the lack of continuity of care with staff and the fact that the ward accommodated both drug and alcohol abuse patients and patients diagnosed with clinical depression. The latter was of particular concern to Members in light of the fact that those requiring intense treatment often made other patients feel at unease thereby delaying their rehabilitation.

The Panel asked a number of questions and made a series of comments on the cost of improvement works at Acer Ward in comparison to the projected cost of upgrading the Cambridge facility, the travel and associated cost implications of the proposals for patients and their families and friends, the need for clarity regarding the Hospital transportation system, the impact on the service of population projections for its entire catchment which included neighbouring Counties and the methods employed by NHS Cambridgeshire to deliver assurances to residents about the proposed changes. A suggestion was made that an acute unit should be co-located alongside the Crisis Resolution Home Team. Other matters that were discussed included whether transitional arrangements would be in place if the proposals were accepted by the NHS Board, the availability of supported housing and how outcomes would be monitored in the future.

On the basis of their discussions, the Panel unanimously expressed the view that the case for the closure of Acer Ward had not been justified. Members reiterated the view that an acute facility in Hinchingsbrooke Hospital formed an integral part of the redesign of mental health services across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. However, they expressed support for the proposals to strengthen and enhance the primary community services available to mental health patients, their carers and their families and, in particular, they welcomed the decision to relocate the Crisis Resolution Home Team back to Huntingdon. Should Acer Ward be formally closed, the Panel sought assurances that a budget would be established on an ongoing basis to assist patients travelling to and from alternative Wards.

Having been informed that NHS Cambridgeshire had offered the

Panel an opportunity to submit further comments on the proposals which would be incorporated within the full consultation summary report due to be presented to the NHS Board meeting on 28th March 2012, the Panel

RESOLVED

that NHS Cambridgeshire be formally notified of the Panel's additional views on the Proposed Redesign of Mental Health Services Across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

**94. HUNTINGDONSHIRE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP: HEALTH AND WELL-BEING THEMATIC GROUP**

*(Councillor T D Sanderson, Executive Councillor for Healthy and Active Communities and Mrs S Smith, Chairman of the Huntingdonshire Health and Well-Being Group, were in attendance for consideration of this item).*

With the aid of a presentation by Dr S Lammin, Head of Environmental and Community Health Services, and Mrs S Smith, Chairman of the Huntingdonshire Health and Well-Being Group, the Panel was acquainted with the purpose of the Group. It had been established to reduce health inequalities, encourage individuals to choose healthy lifestyles, prevent accidents and increase opportunities for vulnerable people to live independently.

Members were informed that the priorities set for Huntingdonshire were based on evidence of need derived from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, the Huntingdonshire Sustainable Community Strategy and the Health Inequalities Strategy. Having had their attention drawn to the Group's terms of reference, Action Plan and Membership (copies of which are appended in the Minute Book) the Panel noted the key strategic links that the Group had to the Huntingdonshire Children and Young Peoples Partnership, the Huntingdonshire Community Safety Partnership and local Commissioning Groups.

It was reported that new strategic governance arrangements were being developed through a County Health and Well-Being Board and it was hoped the new arrangements would be in place by April 2013. In the meantime, a Shadow Board had been established during the transition period, which comprised a wider network of groups including Local Health Partnerships. The Panel discussed the role of the District Lead Members' Forum for Health and Well-Being and acknowledged the rapidly changing and complex environment in which the Group operated. In concluding their discussions, Members requested sight of the Joint Health and Well-Being Strategy before it was adopted and confirmed their wish to review the Group's Action Plan at future meetings.

**95. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED

that the public be excluded from the meeting because the business to be transacted contains exempt information relating

to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

**96. FUNDING FOR CCTV**

*(Councillor T D Sanderson, Executive Councillor for Healthy and Active Communities, was in attendance for consideration of this item).*

With the assistance of a report by the Head of Operations (a copy of which is appended in the Annex to the Minute Book) the Panel received an update on the future operation of the CCTV service.

The Executive Councillor for Healthy and Active Communities outlined the background to the report and apprised Members of the outcome of discussions with partner organisations and the level of contributions that would be made by them to assist with meeting the costs of an enhanced service. The Panel was then informed of the deliberations of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Economic Well-Being) on the report. Members accepted a request by the Economic Well Being Panel for the Social Well-Being Panel to monitor the impact of changes to the service arising from future budget decisions.

Members discussed the implications of the future proposals for the service for staff together with the options available to provide cover in the CCTV Control Room during periods when staff were absent. In concluding their deliberations, the Panel requested a report back from the Head of Operations on the service changes in 2012/13. Whereupon, it was

RESOLVED

- (a) that the content of the report now submitted be noted; and
- (b) that a report on service changes in 2012/13 be submitted to a future Panel meeting.

**97. RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED

that the public be readmitted to the meeting.

**98. MONITORING OF SECTION 106 AGREEMENTS (PLANNING OBLIGATIONS)**

The Panel gave consideration to a report by the Head of Operations (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) which provided an update on the receipt and expenditure of money negotiated under Section 106 Agreements. Mr J Craig, Service Development Manager, provided a brief update on progress since the report was produced and informed the Panel that responsibility for monitoring S106 Agreements would transfer to the Head of Planning Services with effect from 1st April 2012.

Having welcomed the progress made over the previous year to implement various schemes, the Panel was informed of progress with

the development of an intranet site, which would give Members access to S106 documents and provide updates on schemes.

**99. NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUMS WORKING GROUP**

Councillor S J Criswell reported on the discussions that had taken place at a meeting of the Neighbourhood Forums Working Group held on 19th January 2012, when the Huntingdonshire Area Commander for the Police, Chief Inspector C Mead, and the Safer Neighbourhood Manager, Inspector M Greenhalgh, were in attendance. The Police had indicated that they were happy with the Working Group's proposals thus far.

Preliminary discussions on the format of the new Forums had been held with Cambridgeshire County Council who had indicated their wish to roll out the proposed model for Huntingdonshire across the County. Members were advised that work continued to be undertaken on the proposed boundaries and elected Member representation for each area and the constitutional terms for the new Forums. Finally, it was reported that the existing Forums would be meeting for the final time under the present arrangements in April 2012 and that the new model would start operating in June 2012.

Councillor J J Dutton reported that the Police were in the process of holding "Meet and Greet" sessions for local stakeholders. He placed on record his concerns about Police Authority proposals for changes to services following reductions in police funding.

**100. CABINET FEEDBACK - ONE LEISURE FINANCE**

The Panel received and noted a report from the Cabinet (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) outlining their deliberations on the Panel's joint study with the Economic Well-Being Panel on the financial performance of One Leisure. Members noted that the Cabinet had accepted and approved the study's recommendations. Accordingly, the Working Group would be assisting the Executive Councillor for Healthy and Active Communities with the development of a new business model for One Leisure and a methodology for the quantification of "social value".

**101. CAMBRIDGESHIRE ADULTS, WELLBEING AND HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Councillor R J West reported that a meeting of the Cambridgeshire Adults, Well-Being and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee was scheduled for the following day when consideration would be given to the budget and the transformation of services.

**102. WORK PLAN STUDIES**

The Panel received and noted the content of a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) which contained details of studies being undertaken by the Overview and Scrutiny Panels for Economic Well-Being and for Environmental Well-Being. Members were reminded of the opportunity that they had to partake in any of the other studies should they wish. Councillor R J West delivered a brief update on progress

made by the Design Principles for Future Development Working Group and reported that a site visit to Loves Farm, St Neots would be undertaken by the Working Group on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2012.

**103. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (SOCIAL WELL-BEING) - PROGRESS**

The Panel received and noted a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) which contained details of actions taken in response to its recent discussions and decisions. The Chairman reported that he had attended a meeting of the Hinchingsbrooke Hospital Stakeholder Panel to discuss Circle Healthcare's 16 Point Plan for the Hospital. Members were reminded that representatives of Circle would be in attendance at the Panel's April 2012 meeting.

Having been informed that work was underway to develop performance measures for the Council Plan, the Panel requested that the Corporate Plan Working Group was consulted on the draft performance framework before it was adopted.

**104. SCRUTINY**

The 121st Edition of the Decision Digest was received and noted.

Chairman