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## **Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Communities and Customers)**

**Report of the meeting held on 1st March 2016.**

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### **Matters for Information**

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#### **11. CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP (CCG)**

Mr Rob Murphy and Mr Ian Weller from the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) presented and answered questions on the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Health and Care System Transformation Programme and the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group Performance Report.

##### **(a) Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Health and Care System Transformation Programme**

Mr Ian Weller (CCG) introduced the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Health and Care System Transformation Programme. The Panel has been informed that Cambridgeshire and Peterborough has been identified as a 'challenged health economy' and this has provided significant challenges to services. In response the CCG have introduced a new governance structure with the aim of tackling the challenges. Members have been advised that there is a requirement to submit a five year plan by 29th June 2016 to ensure that the NHS in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is creditable and costed.

Following a question regarding the current financial position of the NHS in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, Members have been informed that the region has an annual income of £1.2bn and that this year (2015/16) debt is £140m.

Members have been informed that Hinchingsbrooke plays a significant strategic role within Cambridgeshire and Peterborough as it is located centrally within the region and has a growing population. Dr David Roberts added that the CCG are looking at what services are best delivered locally and delivered elsewhere with the aim of building a countywide service.

A Member raised a concern that good governance and financial management will not address the problem of staffing. In response the Panel has been informed that Hinchingsbrooke has struggled to recruit staff, however the hospital has been reviewing the possibility of pooling staff with Peterborough Hospital to ensure that the rota is fully staffed.

In respect of a question regarding GPs, the Panel has been informed that Cambridgeshire and Peterborough require an extra 136 GPs. However in order to assist GPs, residents should be self-treating minor illnesses or consulting a pharmacist therefore enabling GPs to handle more complex cases and in turn taking pressure off the hospitals.

Following a question on the biggest cost the health service in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough face, Members have been informed that acute hospitals require the most resources due to the buildings, maintenance, staff salaries and equipment for the hospital. In respect of Hinchingsbrooke, the salary cost is 75% of the budget and the Ambulance service spend 95% of their budget on salaries.

Members have been informed that Cambridgeshire and Peterborough has an Urgent and Emergency Care Vanguard Programme which included additional funds and pilot services. The Vanguard money is used to treat patients at home. Mr Weller will attend a future meeting of the Panel to update Members on the Vanguard Programme.

#### **(b) Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group Performance Report**

Mr Rob Murphy (CCG) has introduced the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group Performance Report. The Panel has been informed that Hinchingsbrooke has a mixed performance however the hospital is performing well in some areas.

Hinchingsbrooke's operational performance is measured against the NHS constitutional standard. Members have been acquainted with the areas for concern, one being waiting times in accident and emergency where Hinchingsbrooke missed the target by 0.9% however this is better than other hospitals within the area.

Members have been informed that in terms of cancer and the 62 day wait for first treatment from standard urgent referral, Hinchingsbrooke has missed the target of 85% by 3.7% although there is an action plan in place to assist this area.

## **12. CORPORATE PLAN**

The Panel has received a report on the Corporate Plan. The Panel has been informed that the Corporate Plan follows the expiry of the old Corporate Plan and the Plan aims to set out what the Council would like to achieve under the three corporate priorities.

A Member raised the point underneath the Enabling Communities Section that there is no reference to Public Rights of Way. It has been noted that the last point in Section 1b states that the work programme includes providing accessible leisure, green spaces, countryside and culture opportunities which could cover Public Rights of Way however following further discussion it has been agreed to look at expanding the point to include public rights of way.

Members have requested the inclusion of the A1 and A428 improvement schemes within the Sustainable Growth Section however the Panel has been informed that those schemes would not be included as they would not be at the delivery stage within the lifetime of the Corporate Plan.

The Panel has requested that underneath the Enabling Communities Section Disabled Facilities Grants (DFG) should be included but has noted that DFGs is a moveable fund. Members have been informed that it would be looked into further.

A Member has requested that licences should be monitored under the Corporate Plan as the Council issue a high volume of licences and each licence is linked to business growth. The Panel has noted that any measure would be an end to end measure from receipt to approval to ensure licences be dealt with in a timely manner.

A query has been raised within the section of Efficient and Effective Council and the definition of the point 'collecting money that is saved?' as Members have requested clarification on the question.

### **13. SPORTS FACILITIES STRATEGY FOR HUNTINGDONSHIRE 2016-2021**

The Panel has received the Sports Facilities Strategy For Huntingdonshire 2016-2021. Members have been advised that the Council are responsible for the auditing of sports facilities even though not all sports facilities are provided by the Council. The Panel has been reminded that the scoping report was presented at the meeting of the Panel in February and some minor changes have been made.

Members have expressed support for the Strategy was worthwhile however a question has been raised regarding Public Rights of Way. The Panel has been advised that the Strategy covers build sports facilities however the Open Spaces Strategy provided by the Operations Division would cover Public Rights of Way.

### **14. ONE LEISURE SIX MONTH UPDATE**

The Panel has received the One Leisure Six Month Update. Members have been informed that One Leisure has an operating surplus of £350k however this does not take into account overheads and the depreciation value of equipment. The update also highlights that Ramsey Leisure Centre is near a breakeven point and that all the Centres are near a cost neutral position.

Following a question on the capacity of the Leisure Centres, the Panel has been advised that there is capacity and that capacity does not have to increase in order to increase performance. Through the strategic document One Leisure would try to attract more people to use the Centres at times of underuse.

Concern has been raised that the Huntingdon Leisure Centre is losing customers, however Members have been informed that the site would

be refurbished and expanded in the hope of attracting and retaining customers. The Panel has noted that the Huntingdon Leisure Centre remains profitable.

**15. ONE LEISURE STRATEGIC PLAN**

The Panel has received the One Leisure Strategic Plan. Members have been informed that the Strategic Plan aims to assist the growth of One Leisure. The Plan seeks to identify who is the customer and then answer the questions on how to expand the service.

The Panel has expressed how pleased they are to see One Leisure go from the poor situation in previous years into a position where the service can look forward and grow. In response the Panel has been informed that the change is in part moving responsibility out to the Local Centres where the management knows what their local areas want.

**16. ONE LEISURE STRATEGIC PLAN APPENDIX II**

*(The following item was considered as an exempt item under paragraphs 3-4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972).*

The Panel has considered the content of the One Leisure Strategic Plan Appendix II.

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**Other Matters of Interest**

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**17. NOTICE OF KEY EXECUTIVE DECISIONS**

The Panel has been acquainted with the contents of the Notice of Key Executive Decisions which has been prepared by the Executive Leader.

**18. WORKPLAN STUDIES**

The Panel has received details of the studies being undertaken by the other Overview and Scrutiny Panels.

**19. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (COMMUNITIES AND CUSTOMERS) – PROGRESS**

The Panel has reviewed its programme of studies at each of its meetings as well as having received the opportunity to discuss issues arising from the Decision Digest.

The Chairman of the Voluntary Sector Grant Funding Working Group has addressed the Panel and updated Members on progress. The Working Group's Membership has been confirmed as the following

Members: Councillors T Hayward (Chairman), D Brown, Mrs L A Duffy and Mrs P A Jordan.

After a short discussion regarding which Overview and Scrutiny Panel should be responsible for the Registered Social Providers Working Group, Members have confirmed that the subject matter falls within the remit of the Panel and therefore should remain with them.

S J Criswell  
Chairman