
SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 AUGUST 2023

Present: Councillors W Payne (Chair), Houghton, Kenny, Noon, Wood, Windle and McEwing

Apologies: Councillors Allen and Finn

7. **APOLOGIES AND CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP (IF ANY)**

It was noted that following receipt of the temporary resignation of Councillors Allen and Finn from the Panel, the Monitoring Officer acting under delegated powers, had appointed Councillors McEwing and Windle to replace them for the purposes of this meeting.

8. **DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Councillor McEwing declared that she was a Trustee of C'isters.

The Panel noted the declarations of interest and considered that it did not present a conflict of interest in the items on the agenda.

RESOLVED that Councillor McEwing would be involved the discussion of the items on the agenda.

9. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING)**

RESOLVED: that the minutes for the Panel meeting on 29 June 2023 be approved and signed as a correct record.

10. **ADULT SOCIAL CARE - PERFORMANCE AND TRANSFORMATION**

The Panel considered the report of the Director of Operations for Adult Social Care which provided the Panel with an overview of the performance of Adult Social Care in Southampton and an update on the service transformation programme.

Councillor Fielker, Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Housing; and Paula Johnston, Head of Quality, Governance and Professional Development in Adult Social Care were in attendance and, with the consent of the Chair, addressed the meeting.

Key issues raised included:

- The Council spends more money on Adult Social Care Services than comparable authorities.
- The current performance of Adult Social Care Services did not reflect the financial outlay.
- Significant opportunities existed to transform services, reduce costs and improve outcomes.
- Work had commenced identifying and delivering cost savings. This needed to be done rapidly to deliver the savings required.
- The service was preparing for a future CQC inspection.

RESOLVED

- 1) That the Panel would be provided with an overview of the costs savings that have been identified by Adult Social Care for 2023/24.
- 2) That the self-assessment, developed in preparation for a Care Quality Commission inspection, would be circulated to the Panel with a view to it being considered at the 7 December meeting of the HOSP as part of the next scheduled Adult Social Care performance and transformation item.

11. **LEISURE AND HEALTH OUTCOMES**

The Panel considered the report of the Director of Public Health which provided the Panel with an overview of the Council's approach to utilising leisure assets to improve the health outcomes in Southampton.

Councillor Kataria, Cabinet Member for Communities and Leisure; Dr Debbie Chase, Director of Public Health; Becky Wilkinson, Public Health Consultant; and Dominic Bennett, Service Manager, Leisure were in attendance and, with the consent of the Chair, addressed the meeting.

Key issues raised included:

- Activity levels in Southampton
- The development of the Strategic Action Plan
- Social prescribing schemes
- How the Leisure Vision was influencing key strategies and services in Southampton.
- How the new approach to leisure had influenced the Council's actions and plans for the Outdoor Sports Centre and St Mary's Leisure Centre.
- How success would be measured.

RESOLVED

- 1) That the Panel would be provided with details regarding the future of Green Park Tennis Courts.
- 2) That the Leisure Strategic Action Plan would be circulated to the Panel when it had been drafted, for future consideration by the HOSP.
- 3) That officers would review whether an evaluation of the impact of the Park Lives initiative in Southampton had been undertaken.
- 4) That officers would review how the Sugar Tax funding was being utilised by schools to encourage healthy lifestyles.

12. **MONITORING SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Panel received and noted the report of the Scrutiny Manager which enabled the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel to monitor and track progress on recommendations made at previous meetings.

CHAIR



19 October 2023