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SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27 JUNE 2024

Present: Councillors W Payne (Chair), Houghton, Kenny, Noon and Renyard

Apologies: Councillors Gravatt and Greenhalgh

1. **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR**

RESOLVED that Councillor Houghton be elected as Chair for the 2024-2025 municipal year

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

The apologies of Councillors Gravatt and Greenhalgh were noted.

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

Councillor Kenny declared that she was a Member of Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust and her husband was a Governor of Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust.

Councillor Noon declared that he worked in Adult Social Care.

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 Kenny, and Councillor Noon would be involved the discussion of the items on the agenda.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 25 April 2024 be approved and signed as a correct record.

5. **HEALTH DETERMINANTS RESEARCH COLLABORATION (HDRC) SOUTHAMPTON**

The Panel considered the report of the Director of Strategy and Performance and the Director of Public Health which recommended improved awareness and understanding of the Health Determinants Research Collaboration (HDRC) Southampton, and the principles upon which it is based, to support better decision-making related to health outcomes in the city.

Dr Debbie Chase, Director of Public Health; and Councillor Finn, Cabinet Member for Adults and Health were in attendance and, with the consent of the Chair, addressed the meeting.

The Panel discussed a number of points including:

- The HDRC would give a better understanding of the impact of service delivery which would inform future decision making about services.
- Early adopters of the scheme, such as Doncaster had found that within one year the HDRC had drawn in more grants and upskilled staff.
- Southampton had already established a good partnership with the Council and both universities in the city.
- The new Research and Development Hub included a Grants Officer who would look for opportunities for grant funding, so that the HDRC would be sustainable.
- The HDRC would develop the infrastructure to focus on the community, what the people in the community want to see and understanding the real impact made by service delivery
- The HDRC was a long term plan that would be established over five years
- Coventry had used the Marmot City approach and all partners focussed on key building blocks in life and found that in a short period of time they had made a significant impact on deprivation levels across the city.
- Mental Health and Wellbeing was a priority for the City and the strategy would focus on working more effectively with partners and investing in prevention to avert escalation and crisis.
- The six priorities were developed in consultation with stakeholders and people with lived experience.
- Every partner was critical to the delivery of a preventative approach, Mental health needs and waiting times had increased and a service solution was required to help support mental health issues and prevent them escalating. This would be achieved through building up the evidence base to identify the impact of services on outcomes to improve understanding of the opportunity cost in resource allocation.

RESOLVED that a progress report on the Health Determinants Research Collaboration (HDRC) and the Mental Health & Wellbeing Strategy would be scheduled for June 2025.'

6. **ARRANGEMENT FOR ASSESSING SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE IN NHS PROVISION - UPDATE**

The Panel considered the report of the Scrutiny Manager which recommended that the Panel considered and approved the revised arrangements for assessing significant developments or substantial variations in NHS services across Southampton, Hampshire, Isle of Wight and Portsmouth local authority areas.

Mark Pirnie, Scrutiny Manager was in attendance and, with the consent of the Chair, addressed the meeting.

The Panel noted that update had been driven by the change to referral process to the Secretary of State and would not fundamentally impact on the role or work of the HOSP. Healthwatch Southampton were aware of the referral changes.

RESOLVED that the Panel approved the revised arrangements for assessing significant developments or substantial variations in NHS services across Southampton, Hampshire, Isle of Wight and Portsmouth local authority areas, as outlined in Appendix 1 of the report.

7. **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.

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