

Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee

A meeting of Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee was held on Tuesday, 16th October, 2018.

Present: Cllr Lisa Grainge(Chairman), Cllr Lauriane Povey(Vice-Chairman), Cllr Evaline Cunningham, Cllr Kevin Faulks, Cllr John Gardner, Cllr Lynn Hall, Cllr Mohammed Javed, Cllr Mrs Sylvia Walmsley, Cllr Barry Woodhouse

Officers: Ann Workman, Many Mackinnon (AH), Jane Edmends, Beverley Bearne (EGD), Margaret Waggott, Peter Mennear, Marianne Sleeman (DCE)

Also in attendance:

Apologies: Cllr Steve Nelson

ASH 43/18 Evacuation Procedure, Audio Recording and Housekeeping

Evacuation and housekeeping procedures were noted.

ASH 44/18 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were noted.

ASH 45/18 Declarations of Interest

There were none prejudicial interest declared from all members in respect of the agenda item 6 Water Safety – Reporting-in Review due to the large amount of water within the Borough.

ASH 46/18 Minutes of the meeting held on 24th July 2018

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 24th July 2018.

That the minutes of the meetings held on 24th July 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

ASH 47/18 Scrutiny Review of Gambling

Consideration was given to the draft final report and recommendations.

Members discussed the report and a recommendation made to item 4b:

- Relevant Council and partner services providing services for those at particular risk of gambling-related harm should undertake screening of clients for problem and at-risk gambling where appropriate.

Members noted this was an important piece of work for the Borough with scope and opportunity for things to be done. Through continuous development it would continue to be shaped and honed.

AGREED:

That the final report be approved for submission to Cabinet.

**ASH
48/18** **Water Safety - Reporting-In Review**

Consideration was given to the draft final report and recommendations regarding Water Safety – Reporting-in Review.

This was the first Open Water Safety Strategy for Stockton, bringing together different working policies and practices into one coherent strategy. The review was carried out in conjunction with the LGA Safer Stronger Communities Board. The Council worked with ROSPA and partners. The report was presented at the meeting for comments and would be taken to Cabinet on 18th October 2018.

Reference was made to some additional work to be carried out by Police and Crime Commissioner; this would be included as part of the screening process.

The main issues discussed were as follows:

- What determined a 'Principal Site'
- Was Seal Sands included in the review?
- Item 4.4; As this was a Byelaw the wording cannot be changed from 'wearing a dress' to 'suitable clothing.'
- Discussion around the list of SBC owned Outdoor Leisure Water Sites.

AGREED:

That the information be noted and that the draft recommendations be included in the draft final report for consideration.

**ASH
49/18** **Scrutiny Review of Temporary Accommodation in Homeless Households**

Members received information regarding the Scrutiny Review of Temporary Accommodation in Homeless Households from Housing Services Manager which included:

- Strategic corporate objectives.
- The provision of temporary accommodation and housing related support services to homeless households.
- National context – Homeless Reduction Act 2017.
- Local context – Homeless Reduction Strategy 2018 – 23 adopted by Cabinet in June 2018.
- Four core objectives:
 - Preventing and relieving homeless.
 - Preventing rough sleeping.
 - Reducing the use of bed & breakfast and temporary accommodation.
 - Maximising the effectiveness of commissioned housing related support.

- Types of Temporary Accommodation:
 - Commissioned
 - Non Commissioned
 - Bed & Breakfast

- Service Providers:
 - Bridge House – Adults
 - Community Campus – Adults / Families
 - Mental Health Matters – Adults
 - Sanctuary – Adults / Families / Young People
 - New Walk – Adults
 - Turnaround Homes – Adults
 - North Star Housing Group – Young People

3 hours a week of support would be offered initially but can be increased to 7 hours if complex support is required. Multi agency conferences and intensive management could also be considered. Floating support was also available for people in temporary accommodation in the community.

Other options would be reviewed for people who cannot live independently to achieve other outcomes. Some local Authorities had secured government funding to ensure people who were unlikely to live on their own would be offered housing without conditions.

New legislation would force Authorities to place families in a home rather than a Bed & Breakfast even if this resulted in overcrowding.

Members acknowledged the work carried out by Housing.

AGREED:

The information be noted.

ASH 50/18 Regional Health Scrutiny Update

Members were presented with an overview on the Regional Health Scrutiny. The key issues for the service were highlighted together with emerging issues as follows:

- Stockton is chairing and supporting the Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Committee during 2018 – 2019.
- The meeting in November will hear from the Chief Executives of the three Foundation Trusts.
- The Committee met in September and agreed to undertake further work on translation and interpretation services.
- Durham CC will chair the Sustainability and Transformation Plan Joint Health Scrutiny Committee during 2018 – 2019.

AGREED:

That the information be noted.

**ASH
51/18** **Committee Work Programme**

Members were informed a meeting would take place in January 2019 regarding Temporary Housing to report into Cabinet in February.

**ASH
52/18** **Chair's Update**

Members were informed Peter Mennear attended the National Health Assurance Conference on behalf of the Chair and Vice Chair.