

Overview Report

Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee

Overview Meeting 2020

25 February 2020

Adults and Health and Wellbeing

Context

Members are well aware that as a Council we have had to adapt to funding reductions of £68 million over the last seven years and future funding is uncertain.

The challenge for all Members is to ensure that decisions about the basis on which services will be delivered are within the resources available, taking account of a number of factors such as the uncertain financial position, changing demographics, increasing demand, new national legislation and policy direction. Members are reminded of the four policy principles that support our decision-making:

- **Protect the vulnerable by**
 - protecting people who are subject to or at risk of harm
 - helping people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless
 - supporting people who are financially excluded
 - assisting people whose circumstances make them vulnerable

- **Create economic prosperity by**
 - ensuring the businesses and people of Stockton-on-Tees are part of a thriving and productive Tees Valley economy

- **Tackle inequality through improving**
 - health
 - job opportunities, skills and training
 - educational attainment for all
 - affordable housing and fuel poverty
 - financial inclusion

- **Help people to be healthier by**
 - providing mainstream services that are available where needed
 - providing preventative services that are available where needed

It is within this context that the Select Committee is invited to undertake their overview duties.

Performance Reporting

Performance across the Council Plan was reported on a six-monthly basis. This was reported to Executive Scrutiny Committee in July and November 2019, and then forwarded to members of each Select Committee with key issues highlighted by the Chair at their next meeting.

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Adults and Health – Director – Ann Workman

Relevant services include:

- Adult Services
- Public Health, including Environmental Health Unit

Council Plan 2019-2022

The Council Plan sets out the aims and objectives for all services and is refreshed on an annual basis.

The 2019-22 objectives for the Health and Wellbeing and Adults themes are attached at Appendix 1.

Emerging Issues

Service delivery is influenced by a range of internal and external factors that develop over time. Emerging challenges and opportunities are summarised as follows:

Priorities of the Health & Wellbeing Board

- All children and families get best start in life.
- All people in Stockton live well and live longer.
- All people in Stockton live in healthy places and sustainable communities

HWB Key principles are to:

- Utilise and unlock community assets
- Take a whole system approach
- Reduce inequality
- Focus on prevention and intervention rather than cure.

Adults - Key challenges and opportunities:

- Development and implementation of a new Adult Strategy for 2020-2025
- Development of a Communications Plan and annual action plan to ensure delivery of the Strategy's priorities.
- To continue to implement and develop early intervention and prevention opportunities.
- To continue to explore integration opportunities with the NHS.

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- To support the people we provide care for to feel connected to their communities, for people to feel safe and for people to live the most fulfilled and happy life they can.
- To review services that are provided by the Authority and commissioned by the Authority to ensure value for money and that as many services as possible are provided closer to home.
- For our staff to know they are valued and that we will support them to continue to develop the skills and experience they need to provide excellent care and support.
- For the organisations we work with; the NHS, Care Homes, Home Care, Housing, Police, Fire Brigade, voluntary sector and charities to see us as a partner in the care they provide to the residents of Stockton on Tees. We all want to provide the best services possible and we can help each other to achieve that aim.

Public Health – Challenges and opportunities over the last year

- Successful commissioning of integrated substance misuse service (alcohol and drugs) to support our most vulnerable populations
- Successful commissioning of stop smoking service, with added support to those wanting to quit smoking - still a leading cause of illness and premature death in the Borough
- Lead support to Members for the Gambling scrutiny review
- Provision of additional support to build young people's resilience, built into the 0-19 service (healthy child programme) to support our young people to make healthy choices and avoid risk-taking behaviour that will harm their health and well-being
- Production of the Annual DPH report focussing on the critical issue of loneliness and isolation in our Borough. Work will continue to address this issue throughout the coming year
- Work across partners to agree a multi-agency strategic approach to addressing alcohol. Work will continue to implement the actions in relation to this.

Public Health - Priorities for the year ahead

- Work with children's services to design a holistic healthy schools approach, to support schools in their work to improve the health and well-being of children and young people and development of the School Holidays Enrichment Programme.
- Build further on the Better Health at Work Award, to build further relationship across the business community in the Borough, particularly working with employees and their families through our public sector partners who are such significant employers
- Continue to develop our approach to addressing and mitigating health inequalities in the Borough, working across the broader Council and our partners to tailor the level of support according to the level of need in our specific communities
- Work across the Council to continue to develop the 'healthy places' agenda including maximising the use of our open spaces and piloting a community assets-based approach to improving physical activity in a target community
- Develop and implement a 'community pathfinder' pilot, working closely with CCG and VCSE colleagues to address health and well-being needs in a target community, with a particular view to addressing loneliness and isolation building on the information gathered within the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for loneliness.
- Continuing positive joint working with the NHS whilst there are on-going changes to the NHS architecture.

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Environmental Health – challenges and opportunities

1. The provision of a new **Food Safety Service Plan** in line with FSA requirements which in conjunction with the **2019/20 LAEMS return** will formulate our national service delivery reporting to the Food Standards Agency. The final reporting to the FSA will be available from May 2020 and this demonstrates our position in terms of food law enforcement activities such as sampling/intervention/enforcement etc. which provides the public protection for food safety/hygiene/standards in Stockton-on-Tees.
2. 2019/20 ongoing scrutiny of the **Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy** via the Places Select Committee and further via public consultation and cabinet approval. The review aims to allow for the implementation of a robust Contaminated Land Strategy which meets with member approval and provides a strong framework for addressing historically contaminated sites considering cost and efficiencies as key themes. The strategy considers the Council forward plan as its implementation will run for the mandatory period until 2024.
3. 2019/20 ongoing scrutiny of **Fly Grazed Horses** via the Crime & Disorder Select Committee. This review aims to:
 - Establish the Council's and other relevant organisations' roles and responsibilities for fly-grazed horses on both Council and non-Council land
 - Identify the extent of concerns across the Borough in relation to fly-grazed horses, understand the costs to the Council in undertaking its statutory responsibilities (and beyond), and ascertain any potential sources of future funding
 - Aid in reducing service demand by considering more proactive means of addressing fly-grazed horses via education or enforcement options which may be used with horse-owners
 - Provide conclusions and recommendations that will inform the creation of a formal Council fly-grazed horses policy
4. 2019/20 ongoing work of the **SBC Air Quality Working Group**. The working group continues to aim to:
 - Understand what work is being undertaken across the council that contributes to a reduction of poor air quality and work undertake to educate and promote key elements of air quality
 - Understand current monitoring and reporting in relation of air quality in place and compliance with current legislation
 - Understand the impact of air quality on health and wellbeing of the local population and communities
 - Develop a strategic framework on how to promote and improve air quality in Stockton collaboratively
 - Develop, implement and monitor and action plan to improve air quality

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Potential Areas for In-Depth Review

Members are reminded that topics are being sought for the Scrutiny Work Programme 2020-21. Using the information provided as part of the performance updates and this Overview meeting, the Committee is invited to identify potential topics for review within this theme.

Potential topics will be considered at Executive Scrutiny Committee on 24 March.

- Dual diagnosis (mental health and substance misuse) - individuals can repeatedly transfer between services if they are experiencing both mental ill health and substance misuse problems
- Community Engagement – how can community engagement and development be improved for both Public Health and Adult Services.
- What more can be done for younger adults who have physical disabilities, learning disabilities, mental ill-health and dementia.
- What more needs to be done to ensure people with a Learning Disability from Stockton-on-Tees can remain in the borough to receive the care they need.

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Appendix 1

Council Plan 2019-22 – Health and Wellbeing

Our vision is for a place where people are supported to be healthy.

Key objectives:

- All children and families get the best start in life
- All people in the Borough live well and live longer
- All people in the Borough live in healthy places and utilise assets within their communities

Council Plan 2019-22 – Adults

Our vision is that people can get the right level and type of support at the right time to help, prevent, reduce or delay the need for on-going support and maximise their independence.

Key objectives:

- Focus on prevention and early intervention
- Work in partnership
- Work with individuals, their families and carers
- Continue to work closely with the NHS
- Deliver our statutory duties
- Safeguarding adults
- Maximise the use of scarce financial resources
- Ensure the most effective and appropriate use of our own and our providers workforces