

Executive Scrutiny Committee

A meeting of Executive Scrutiny Committee was held on Tuesday, 10th November, 2020.

Present: Cllr Mrs Sylvia Walmsley(Chair), Cllr Chris Barlow, Cllr Pauline Beall, Cllr Carol Clark, Cllr Evaline Cunningham, Cllr Ian Dalgarno, Cllr Ken Dixon, Cllr Lynn Hall, Cllr Paul Kirton, Cllr Maurice Perry, Cllr Tony Riordan, Cllr Norma Stephenson O.B.E, Cllr Marilyn Surtees, Cllr Laura Tunney

Officers: Rebecca Saunders-Thompson, Sarah Whaley, Gary Woods(MD)

Also in attendance:

Apologies: Cllr Tony Hampton,

ESC 8/20 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

ESC 9/20 **Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee - Scrutiny Review of Hospital Discharge (Phase 1) (Executive Summary for information)**

The Chair of the Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee presented the Committee with the Executive Summary of the Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee Scrutiny Review of Hospital Discharge (Phase 1).

The main topics discussed were as follows:

- The review had been challenging due to continuously changing information from Central Government in terms of the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- In some instances, care homes had been reluctant to attend meetings as they felt there were sensitive issue around this scrutiny topic which could have a negative impact on residents and their families, particularly if information provided was reported inaccurately. The Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee agreed to contact care homes via an anonymous survey and although not all responded, some good feedback was returned. The findings from the review would help enhance care services in the future.
- The Chair of the Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee thanked all that took part in the review including Officers. Thanks, was also given to those services for the continued care they were giving within hospitals and care homes.

The Chair of the Executive Scrutiny Committee acknowledged the hard work, and thought, that had gone into this very emotive review and the recommendations that had been concluded, especially during these very challenging times.

The Recommendations of the review would be presented to Cabinet for approval at its meeting scheduled for 12th November 2020.

AGREED the report be noted

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Select Committee Chairs' Updates

Members considered the Select Committee Chairs' Updates.

Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee;

- In terms of Performance and Quality Assurance of the 'Well Led Programme'. care home managers had expressed they felt the programme was going well and were happy to share information at committee meetings.

Children and Young People Select Committee;

The Chair of the Children and Young People Select Committee, gave members a brief update highlighting the following;

- The Cost of School Uniform review had been challenging. Some Schools required pupils to wear specific items which could only be purchased from specific suppliers at a premium cost. Difficulties had also been encountered in terms of passing on good quality used uniform, even within the same family due to some schools requiring the initials of a child on some school garments.

- The Chair had been in liaison with many different organisations including the Council and Citizens Advice Bureau. A lot of evidence had been gathered and the committee would consider the recommendations at the next meeting of the Children and Young Peoples Select Committee. The agreed recommendations would be presented to Cabinet at its December meeting for approval.

Crime and Disorder Select Committee;

The Chair of the Crime and Disorder Select Committee, gave members a brief update highlighting the following;

- The Chair informed the Committee that in relation to the Councillor Call for Action - Obstructive and Illegal Parking around Whitehouse Primary School, the next edition of Stockton News would feature a general article about parking outside schools.

- In terms of general issues surrounding parking around schools, some schools had been busy making posters to highlight the issues, as well as a video soundbite, which was due to be presented to the Crime and Disorder Committee at its January 2021 meeting. The final production was due to be ready for the springtime.

- In terms of the ongoing Fly Grazed Horses review, the report was being drafted and would be presented to committee at its December meeting.

People Select Committee;

The Chair of the People Select Committee Informed Members that the Scrutiny Review of Local Council Tax Support Scheme would be paused until more was known about the affordability of the current scheme and any alternative proposals.

Place Select Committee;

The Chair of the Place Select Committee highlighted that an informal meeting had been held to discuss the Scrutiny Review of Business Support and Engagement. A draft final report would be considered at its November meeting.

- The Task and Finish Review for Planters in Residential Streets would have draft recommendations considered 17th November 20.

- In terms of the Committees Burial Provision review, The Scope and Project Plan would be presented for approval at the Committees November meeting.

AGREED the updates be noted.

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11/20** **Forward Plan**

The Statutory Forward Plan was noted.

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12/20** **Chair's Update and Executive Scrutiny Committee Work Programme
2020-2021**

The Chair thanked the Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee for the work they had undertaken on what was a challenging review of Hospital Discharge (Phase 1). The Chair also thanked all Officers and Members for their hard work during the COVID-19 Pandemic, continuing to undertake the necessary steps to complete the Scrutiny Reviews they were tasked with during this challenging time.

A brief discussion took place around the frequency of Executive Scrutiny Committees within a Municipal Year. Members were asked to consider whether they should be planned bi-monthly or quarterly as some Committee meetings had been stood down. Scrutiny Officers agreed to investigate further and discuss at the next meeting of the Executive Scrutiny Committee.

AGREED the information be noted.