

Executive Scrutiny Committee

A meeting of Executive Scrutiny Committee was held on Tuesday, 17th May 2022.

Present: Cllr Mrs Sylvia Walmsley (Chair), Cllr Maurice Perry (Vice-Chair), Cllr Chris Barlow, Cllr Pauline Beall, Cllr Jacky Bright, Cllr Carol Clark, Cllr Evaline Cunningham, Cllr Ian Dalgarno, Cllr Ken Dixon, Cllr Mohammed Javed (sub for Cllr Chris Barlow) Cllr Lynn Hall, Cllr Barbara Inman, Cllr Niall Innes, Cllr Tony Riordan, Cllr Ted Strike, Cllr Marilyn Surtees, Cllr Laura Tunney, Cllr Barry Woodhouse

Officers: Judy Trainer, Gary Woods, Rachel Harrison, John Devine, Margaret Waggott (CS)

Also in attendance:

Apologies: Cllr Chris Barlow,

1 **Evacuation Procedure**

The Committee noted the evacuation and housekeeping procedure.

2 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

3 **Minutes of meeting held 22nd March 2022**

In relation to the 'Scrutiny Work Programme 2022/23 - Selection of In Depth Scrutiny Reviews' agenda item, reference was made to the decision to refer the Children's Mental Health scrutiny topic suggestion to the Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee. As agreed, the Joint Committee would be asked to consider including this issue on its future work programme.

AGREED that the minutes be confirmed as a correct record subject to Councillors Dixon and Inman being recorded as being present at the meeting.

4 **Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee - Scrutiny Review of Day Opportunities for Adults (Executive Summary for information)**

Cllr Barry Woodhouse wished it to be recorded for transparency purposes only that he had a relation who was currently going through the transitioning process between Children's Services and Adults Services.

Members were presented with a report outlining the findings and recommendations following the Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee's scrutiny review of Day Opportunities for Adults.

The main topics discussed were as follows:

- The impact of Covid 19 on the gathering of information resulted in the first ever virtual visits being held to seek views from service managers, staff and those individuals access such provision
- These visits proved extremely useful and enabled Members to interact with staff and those accessing services, whilst getting a feel for the setting.

Thanks were extended to the managers who facilitated these sessions

- Challenges emerged in terms of getting the right people engaged in this piece of work, both internally and externally
- Excellent response from the SBC Adults and Health directorate (particularly the in-house providers of day opportunities) and Catalyst (who took it upon themselves to seek and collate views from the wider VCSE sector)
- Members expressed their support for the recommendations outlined in the report and commended the work of the Committee and officers

AGREED the report be noted.

5 Select Committee Chair's Updates

Members were provided with updates from the Chairs of each Select Committee. Updates and discussion included:

Adult Social Care & Health Select Committee: -

The ongoing monitoring of the Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV) had progressed with a letter being sent to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, and the Chief Executive of NHS England to call for a public inquiry into the continued failings and lack of notable improvement of the trust.

To date, the Committee had not received a response but would keep Members informed of any developments.

Children & Young People Select Committee: -

Child Poverty – Scrutiny Review draft final report was to be submitted to the Select Committee 8th June; the review would be reported to cabinet in June also.

Crime & Disorder Select Committee: -

Delay in receiving progress updates regarding the previously completed Fly-Grazed Horses review as there had been an issue with the Police lead not being able to attend meetings. The Committee had received reassurances from the Police that going forward the Police lead will attend. Members were asked to monitor communications with the Police, whether good or bad, so experiences could be gathered in the Police - SBC Ward Councillor communication survey that would be repeated later in 2022.

People Select Committee: -

Members noted the update from the People Select Committee Chair.

Place Select Committee: -

Members noted the update from the Place Select Committee Vice Chair.

AGREED that the updates and discussion be noted and actioned as appropriate.

6 Executive Scrutiny Chair's Update and Work Programme

AGREED that the work programme be noted.