



# Rutland County Council

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Record of a meeting of the **PEOPLE (ADULTS AND HEALTH) SCRUTINY PANEL**  
held in the Council Chamber, Catmose, Oakham, at 6.00pm on **Thursday 16**  
**January 2014**

**PRESENT:** Mrs L I Stephenson – (Chairman, in the Chair)  
Mrs C J Cartwright  
Mr J T Dale  
Mrs J K Figgis (for part of the meeting)  
Mr R J Gale  
Miss G Waller

**Also in Attendance:** Mr R Begy Portfolio Holder for Community Safety,  
Adult Social Care, Libraries, Museums and  
Culture (Non Sport)  
Mrs C Emmett Portfolio Holder for Health

**Non Panel Members Present:** Mr J M Lammie  
Mr D L Richardson

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Ms D Greaves Accountant (People)  
Ms J Haigh Senior Manager, Health, Wellbeing and  
Commissioning  
Mr M Naylor Assistant Director – Services for People  
Ms W Poynton Assistant Director – Services for People

**APOLOGIES:** Mr G Condé, Mr M R Woodcock

## 696. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mrs Emmett declared that she undertakes work for the National Health Service.

## 697. PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS AND QUESTIONS

No petitions, deputations or questions had been received from Members of the public.

## 698. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE FROM MEMBERS

No Questions with Notice had been received from Members.

## SCRUTINY

### **699. BUDGET 2014-15, MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

Report No. 286/2013 from the Director for Resources was received.

The Portfolio Holder, Mr Begy, introduced the report the purpose of which was to agree detailed budget proposals for 2014/15 for consultation and, to inform members of the estimated position on the Collection Fund at 31 March 2014.

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At 6.28 pm Mrs Figgis joined the meeting

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During discussion the following points were noted:

- i) Members questioned funding for Healthwatch Rutland, they were advised that there was a government grant of £55,000 which the Council had passed to Healthwatch. There was also a provision of £9,000 in the budget for setting up the organisation. Members were advised that further funding for the group may also need to come from fundraising activities. Members wanted the group to succeed and be good partners. Interest was expressed in inviting Healthwatch Rutland to a future meeting of the panel to report on feedback gained from their contact with users of care services within Rutland.
- ii) Savings had been made through commissioning new contracts throughout the year rather than lowering service levels, and would continue to do so as more contracts were up for renewal.
- iii) Concern was expressed with regard to elderly, residential and domiciliary care. Members were advised that there was a preference towards keeping people in their own home rather than hospitals or care homes. Preventative care was also becoming more important and this was reflected in the five year plan. Officers advised that work had just commenced on projection figures for needs in this area, this would be a three year plan and would be presented to a future meeting of the Panel.
- iv) Members asked if there were figures available for a comparable spend on adult social care. Mr Begy advised that an exercise commenced in November 2013 with other unitary authorities to do this. Mr Begy further advised that the findings would be made available to members when received.
- v) Members asked if more detailed background information could be provided for the various cost centres in the report. Mr Begy advised that this information could be provided to members outside of the meeting.

**Agreed:**

1. That the Panel noted the content of Report No. 286/2013.
2. That more detailed background information be provided to members to support the cost centre lines in the budget.

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**The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.08 pm**

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