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Record of a meeting of the **PEOPLE (ADULTS AND HEALTH) SCRUTINY PANEL** held in the Council Chamber, Catmose, Oakham, at 7.00pm on **Thursday 27th February 2014.**

PRESENT: Mr J T Dale – (Acting Chairman, in the Chair)
Mr G Condé
Mr W J Cross
Mrs J K Figgis
Mr R J Gale
Mr J M Lammie (Substitute for Mrs C J Cartwright)
Miss G Waller

ALSO IN

ATTENDANCE: Mr R Begy Portfolio Holder for Culture, Community Safety and Housing

Mrs C Emmett Portfolio Holder for Health

Mrs L I Stephenson Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care

OFFICERS

PRESENT: Mrs H V Briggs Chief Executive
Mr J Faircliffe Housing Strategy and Enabling Officer
Miss M Gamston Support Officer
Ms Anna Grainger Head of Service, Health and Commissioning
Ms D Greaves Accountant (People)
Miss K Knowles Support Officer
Ms W Poynton Assistant Director – Services for People

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In the absence of a Chairman Mr Dale was appointed Chairman.

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APOLOGIES: Mrs C J Cartwright and Mr M R Woodcock.

788. RECORD OF MEETING

Mr Cross requested that panel members listed as present on 19 December 2013 be altered to reflect his attendance.

Subject to the above, the Record of the meeting of the People (Adults & Health) Scrutiny Panel held on 19th December 2013, copies of which had been previously circulated, was confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The Record of the meeting of the Special People (Adults & Health) Scrutiny Panel held on 16th January 2014, copies of which had been previously circulated, was confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

789. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In respect of agenda item 8 Mrs Emmett declared that she undertook work for the National Health Service and the Department of Health.

790. PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS AND QUESTIONS

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

791. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE FROM MEMBERS

No Questions with Notice had been received from Members.

792. NOTICES OF MOTION FROM MEMBERS

No Notices of Motion had been received from Members.

793. CONSIDERATION OF ANY MATTER REFERRED TO THE PANEL FOR A DECISION IN RELATION TO CALL IN OF A DECISION

No matter was referred to the Panel for a decision in relation to call in of a decision in accordance with Procedure Rule 206.

SCRUTINY

794. HOUSING ALLOCATIONS POLICY

Report No. 40/2014 from the Director of Places (Development and Economy) was received.

The Portfolio Holder Culture, Community Safety and Housing, Mr Begy, introduced the report the purpose of which was to consider the draft revised Housing Allocation Policy as part of the consultation process. The policy set out how the Council assessed applicants for housing association tenancies. It aimed to address new statutory guidance and to better meet the housing needs of Rutland.

During discussion the following points were noted:

- i) The key change in the current policy's requirements to join was stated as the public needing to have lived or worked in Rutland for the last 2 years or 3 out of the last 5 years.
- ii) The policy had provision to ensure that too many people living in older council housing do not try to move to benefit from one of the properties on the new development on Branston Road nearby.
- iii) Members were interested in understanding how people coming into Rutland to work as Social Workers or Teachers and would need accommodation could be supported. It was agreed that members

- would keep an eye on this potential situation and update the board if a problem was identified.
- iv) Members wished to understand what the 'unacceptable behaviour' classification (page 21-22) meant and it was explained that if an anti-social behaviour notice was received then that person may be asked to leave.
 - v) Members were interested to find out that the impact 'Bedroom Tax' had on Rutland was less than originally anticipated. Over 60% of residents of Spire Homes were over 60yrs old.
 - vi) Due to a 'right of tenure' the council had no right to ask people living in a council property because it was allocated to their parents, to leave when their parents died even if they could afford to rent or buy privately.
 - vii) Work with registered landlords was ongoing to maximise rental capability in the Council.

Agreed:

1. That the Panel noted the report.
2. That any comments would be reported to Cabinet as appropriate.

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7.30pm Mr Faircliffe left the meeting and did not return

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795. BETTER CARE FUND

Report No. 38/2014 from the Chief Executive was received.

The Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care, Mrs Stephenson, introduced the report the purpose of which was to update Cabinet on the progress made in relation to the 'Better Care Fund'.

During discussion the following points were noted:

- i) There was an ageing population in Rutland but compared to national statistics residents were in good health. It was likely that the demands for care would move away from residential care and become more tailored to home care.
- ii) Rutland was already implementing the key area around early intervention and prevention mentioned in the plan.
- iii) The jointly written document would be updated in April and would also be used as a vehicle to secure additional funding. It was possible that 50% of the funding would be dependent and linked to performance; this was still to be determined by the Government. The Portfolio Holder for Culture, Community Safety and Housing, Mr Begy, stated that the council would need to keep a careful eye on this as monies would need to be spent upfront in order to claim for the funding and this was a potential risk to the council.
- iv) Rutland Memorial Hospital (RMH) opening times had been increased to deal with minor injuries. There were many assurances that this would continue and that there was a firm commitment to RMH. RMH was central to the integration of health and social care. Members were

asked to note that a consultation was underway by the East Leicestershire and Rutland CCG to gain views on proposals to improve 'Urgent care'. The web link to this was on the Rutland County Council website which had also been sent to all members.

- v) There was a move to capitalise and build support from the community after national research showed the benefit from a change in clinical care focusing on prevention and better care from a patient's home. Community Agents would work with the community advising, signposting and feeding back where there were gaps to be narrowed. The Community Agents model would be a paid one.
- vi) Acting Chairman, Councillor Mr Dale, summarised that the request from members wishing to see the report linked to Appendix A (Better Care Plan for Rutland) before the Health and Wellbeing Board on 4th April 2014 has been noted by officers who would attempt to provide taking account tight timescales.

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8.26 pm Mr Cross left the meeting and did not return

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796. CARE QUALITY COMMISSION (CQC) INSPECTIONS IN RUTLAND

Report No. 52/2014 from the Director for People was received.

The Assistant Director, Services for People, Ms Poynton, introduced the report the purpose of which was to provide information on outcomes of CQC inspections in Rutland.

During discussion the following points were noted:

- i) There had been 3 inspections since the last report to Scrutiny, Rutland Care Village, Crown House and Manton Hall.
- ii) Safeguarding complaints had gone down dramatically in one of the homes where there had been concerns and where officers had supported the home to improve standards.
- iii) Out of the list of standards (page 99-100) inspection officers pick the 5 most relevant ones to each home.

Agreed:

1. That the Panel noted the report.

797. CARE HOMES A POSITION STATEMENT

A verbal update from the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care, Mrs Stephenson, was received.

798. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT – QUARTER 3 2013/14

Report No. 36/2014 from the Chief Executive was received.

The purpose of the report was to report to Cabinet on the Council's performance for the third quarter of 2013/14 and the year to date.

The following points were noted during discussion:

- i) Pg. 189, PI 135, Carers receiving needs assessment or review and a specific carer's service, was the same as last quarter because the situation remains similar but this should be improved by the fourth quarter.
- ii) Pg. 190, PI 146, Adults with learning disabilities who are known to the employment service in employment, members were pleased with the positive position.
- iii) Pg. 204, Location of alleged abuse table, the quarter 3 community figure had risen due to awareness training.

Agreed:

1. That the Panel noted the report.

799. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT 2013/14 QUARTER 3

Report No. 31/2014 from the Director of Resources was received.

The purpose of the report was to inform Cabinet on how the Council was performing against its revenue and capital budgets and report a forecast year end outturn position as at the 31st December 2013.

During discussion the following points were noted:

- i) That there were forecast overspends for Adult Learning, Physical Disabilities. Concern was expressed that should costs continue to rise that this was taken into account going forward;
- ii) That for demand-led services the budget was based on the best information available at the time;
- iii) Cost Centre 4492 – Additional NHS Funded Projects: Projects included Dementia, Reablement, Winter Pressures and the embedded hospital social worker;
- iv) Cost Centre 4551 – Home Care Service (In House): Variance due to staff vacancies to be filled. The Assistant Director, People, Ms Poynton to ascertain current position regarding vacancies and impact on clients and advise the Panel by email;
- v) Cost Centre 4460 – Day Opportunities Services: Variance due to more income than expected being generated.

Agreed:

1. That the Panel noted the report.
2. That the Assistant Director, People would email the Panel with the information relating to cost centre 4551.

800. STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER

Report No. 51/2014 from the Director of Resources was received.

The purpose of the report was to update the People (Adult and Health) Scrutiny Panel on the current status of the Risk Register.

During discussion the following points were noted:

- i) Risk Ref 2: Public Health – Contracts and re-commissioning to be undertaken therefore remained on the Strategic Risk Register.

Agreed:

- 1. That the Panel noted the contents of the risk register and the actions underway to address the risks.

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND TOPICS

801. REVIEW OF FORWARD PLAN

The Forward Plan was noted.

802. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

No items of urgent business had been previously notified to the person presiding.

803. DATE AND PREVIEW OF NEXT MEETING

10th April 2014

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The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.59 pm

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