



Rutland County Council

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Record of a meeting of the **PEOPLE (ADULTS & HEALTH) SCRUTINY PANEL** held in the Council Chamber, Catmose, Oakham at 7.00 pm on **Thursday 10 July 2014**.

PRESENT: Mrs C J Cartwright (in the Chair)
Mr G Conde
Mr J T Dale
Mr R J Gale
Mr J M Lammie
Miss G Waller

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

OFFICERS
PRESENT: Mrs J Difolco Head of Service – Stronger Communities
Miss M Gamston Corporate Support Officer
Miss D Greaves Finance Manager – Accounting
Mr J Morley Head of Service – Vulnerable Adults
Mr M Naylor Assistant Director – Services for People
Mrs G Rhodes White Interim Director for People

APOLOGIES: Mrs J K Figgis, Mr C A Parsons, Mr M R Woodcock, Mrs C Emmett and Mrs L I Stephenson

151 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the People (Adults & Health) Scrutiny Panel held on 29 May 2014, copies of which had been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

152 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

153 PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS AND QUESTIONS

No petitions, deputations or questions were received from members of the public.

154 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE FROM MEMBERS

No questions were received from members.

155 NOTICES OF MOTION FROM MEMBERS

No Notices of Motion were received from members.

156 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.

157 QUARTER 4 FINANCIAL MONITORING AND DRAFT FINANCIAL OUTTURN 2013/14

Report No. 133/2014 from the Director for Resources was received. The purpose of the report was to inform Cabinet of the draft outturn figures (subject to audit) for the financial year 2013/14 and provide an update on the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP).

During discussion the following points were noted:

- a) That settlement had been reached with the care homes in the county, within budget;
- b) That the Government had stated that there was the possibility that some of the £3.8bn nationally available to the Better Care Fund could be ring-fenced;
- c) That the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Mr Pickles, had stated that it was the Government's objective to allow 80/90% of the National Non-Domestic Rates (NNDR) to be kept by local authorities by 2018;
- d) That the increase in funding from NNDR could result in a reduction in the amount of Revenue Support Grant received;
- e) That further cuts in central government funding were expected;
- f) That the underspend on Public Health was due in part to when, within the financial year, funds were received and that Public Health were still coming to terms with Rutland's priorities. Contracts transferred to the Local Authority in April 2013 were still being reviewed; the Health and Wellbeing Board, Scrutiny and Cabinet were responsible for establishing public health priorities for Rutland;
- g) That where a package of care had been transferred to external providers a review was undertaken on transfer with an annual review with clients or if needs changed. The Authority was not aware of any concerns. Mechanisms to report concerns were in place under safeguarding. This ensured that the correct package was bought;
- h) That the Dementia funding of £409,000 for Manton Hall referred to under the Capital Monitoring Outturn related to a bid made direct by Manton to the Department of Health. Rutland County Council was the accountable body;
- i) Resident figures for the Cottesmore dementia unit at Rutland Care Village were requested. The Assistant Director – Services for People, Mr Naylor, agreed to obtain this information and to advise Members.

AGREED:

1. That the Assistant Director – Services for People, Mr Naylor, would advise Members on the number of residents at the Cottesmore dementia unit.

158 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT – QUARTER 4 2013/14

Report No. 138/2014 from the Chief Executive was received. The purpose of which was to report to Cabinet on the Council's Performance for the fourth quarter of 2013/14 and the year to date.

During discussion the following points were noted:

- a) LI130 – Households prevented from becoming homeless: Officers were commended for achieving 87 preventions against a target of 42 for the year;
- b) LI150 - % of Safeguarding cases involving older people investigated and closed within 28 days: Concern was expressed that it was stated that further training on RAISE was required to improve performance further as this had previously been raised by the Peer Challenge Review. Members were advised that staff were competent to use the system and that there was ongoing training and support for workers;
- c) That safeguarding training was provided to all involved with voluntary agencies to ensure that concerns were correctly identified;
- d) Public Health Performance Dashboard – The Panel was advised that Rutland specific data was now available and that the Directorate leadership team and Public Health would be looking at recommendations on future expenditure, greatest need and greatest impact on resources.

159 MANTON HALL RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME

Report No. 158/2014 from the Interim Director for People was received. The purpose of the report was to provide an update on the concerns raised by various individuals and agencies in regards to Manton Hall Residential Home over the previous eight months and the subsequent intervention and support from the Local Authority and partner agencies.

In the absence of the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care, Mrs Stephenson, the report was introduced by Mr Begy. Members were advised that work to rectify the situation was being undertaken between the Local Authority and Manton Hall. The Interim Director for People, Mrs Rhodes White had visited Manton Hall and meet with the owner who recognised the position. It was expected that the concerns would be addressed. The Department of Health was being kept informed due to the dementia care funding received by Manton Hall. At present 9 of the 24 dementia residents were financed by the Local Authority.

During discussion the following points were noted:

- a) That the previous manager had now left and an interim manager with previous experience of dealing with similar situations had been appointed;
- b) That the Local Authority had an emergency plan in place should it need to move residents from a care home;
- c) That the resources being put into Manton Hall were being balanced against the needs of the population and prioritised;
- d) That all homes where Rutland residents are receiving care are monitored by feedback from professionals visiting the home, Rutland County Council (RCC) staff visiting and relatives. Members were advised that a local authority could go into a care home anytime it had a concern but did not have the same powers as the Care Quality Commission (CQC) to inspect;
- e) That one of the roles of Healthwatch was to undertake random visits to hospitals and care homes as independent visitors and make recommendations back to the local authority;
- f) Members were advised that the monthly meetings and activities referred to in the CQC report dated April 2014 were being held and had been observed by RCC officers;
- g) That there was a mechanism in place for staff in care homes to whistleblow where they

had safeguarding concerns;

- h) That the Panel was reassured that the Local Authority was taking all the measures that it could to rectify the concerns raised at Manton Hall.

AGREED:

1. That Panel noted the content of the report.

160 ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR BILL

Report No. 155/2014 from the Interim Director for People was received. The purpose of the report was to outline the changes to the Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) legislation as a result of the ASB Crime and Policing Bill 2013 and preparation for implementation.

Introducing the report, the Portfolio Holder for Culture, Community Safety and Housing, Mr Begy, noted that the number of orders had reduced to six, the names of which had changed and that it was intended to be less bureaucratic. That a series of remedies had been put in place including Community Triggers and Injunctions. The two main areas of concern in Rutland, under Community Triggers, were fouling dogs and the night time economy.

During discussion the following points were noted:

- a) That in the majority of cases the informal incremental approach worked well in Rutland. The Head of Service – Stronger Communities, Mrs Difolco undertook to provide Members with details;
- b) That wider implications of resource strains to implement the bill and the use of powers needed to be considered;
- c) That it would be useful to have a Rutland specific document on the Community Trigger (Appendix 3 to Report No. 155/2014);
- d) That under “When can I use the Community Trigger?” (Appendix 3 to Report No. 155/2014) that “no effective action” might read better than “no action”;
- e) That a conditional caution could be issued by a Police Community Support Officer or Youth Offending Services.

AGREED:

1. That Panel noted the content of the report.
2. That the Head of Service – Stronger Communities, Mrs Difolco, would provide Members with details relating to the success of the informal incremental approach in Rutland.

161 REVIEW OF FORWARD PLAN

The Chair, Mrs Cartwright, informed the Panel that the Programme of Topics would be emailed.

To be invited to future meetings:

- Director of Public Health (Public Health Dashboard – Rutland specific data requested)
- Leicestershire Fire Service – September Meeting (Cuts to services, details of callouts over last 2-3 years and data)

162 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

There was no other urgent business.

163 DATE AND PREVIEW OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 28 August 2014 (Joint Children and Adults and Health) Scrutiny Panel
Thursday 25 September 2014

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.