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Record of a Joint Meeting of the **JOINT PEOPLE (ADULTS & HEALTH AND CHILDREN) SCRUTINY PANEL** held in the Council Chamber, Catmose, Oakham at 7.00pm on **Thursday 28 August 2014**

PRESENT: Miss G Waller (Chairman, in the Chair)
Mr M E Baines
Mr W J Cross
Mr J T Dale
Mr R J Gale
Mr J M Lammie
Mr J Munton
Mr A Walters

CO-OPTED MEMBERS: None

OFFICERS PRESENT: Mrs H V Briggs Chief Executive
Mrs G Rhodes-White Interim Director – Services for People
Miss M Gamston Corporate Support Officer

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mr R Begy Portfolio Holder for Culture, Community Safety and Housing
Mr K Bool Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People
Mrs C Emmett Portfolio Holder for Health
Mrs L Stephenson Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care

APOLOGIES: Mrs C J Cartwright, Mr G Conde, Mr C A Parsons, Mr N M Wainwright and Mr M Woodcock

250 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mrs Emmett declared that she undertook work for the National Health Service and the Department of Health.

251 PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS AND QUESTIONS

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

252 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE FROM MEMBERS

No Questions with Notice were received from Members.

253 NOTICES OF MOTION FROM MEMBERS

No Notices of Motion were received from Members.

254 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.

255 PEOPLE FIRST

Report No. 192/2014 from the Chief Executive was received. Mrs Stephenson, Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care, introduced the report the purpose of which was consult with the Joint Scrutiny Panel on the final report of the People First project.

Mrs Stephenson made the following points:

- i) That a tremendous amount of work had been undertaken by officers and Members with this being the 19th version of the document. Mr Walters was thanked for the contribution he had made;
- ii) That the Review should be taken in the National Context of the Better Care Fund, the Care Act and the ongoing changes to the Learning Skills agenda;
- iii) The Review supported the emphasis placed nationally and locally on integration, reablement, intervention and prevention and independent living with people being able to remain at home;
- iv) In a local context, it was unsustainable for the Council to spend more than was coming in, therefore there was a need to plan for the future whilst meeting the needs of the current population;
- v) That the Review was the blueprint for the direction of travel, ensuring that the most vulnerable were supported;
- vi) That Members needed to be clear on strategy before policy could be developed;
- vii) That Members needed to consider what was best for Rutland going forward, targeting services at the most vulnerable making sure that strategy was fit for purpose, for delivering the framework for the future.

Members considered the proposals outlined in Appendix A to the People First Review.

During discussion the following points were noted:

- i. Ref. 1.2a - That further work would need to undertaken on an overarching strategy to make sure as close to home as possible and effective;
- ii. Ref. 1.2a iii - That some Members had concerns regarding the level of service provided and if companies engaged failed to keep certain promises made, that a termination prospect was included in any contract;
- iii Ref. 1.2a iv - That this would be down to client choice, so would be able to continue to receive payments as previously;
- iv Ref. 1.3 - Consideration would be given to users' needs and how to provide a service in a different way. Work undertaken with neighbouring authorities regarding the provision of services.
- v Ref. 1.3a - Should this state "will charge for particularly for non-statutory provision where ability to pay";
- vi Ref. 1.6 - That Rutland Memorial Hospital was referenced in the report as a key potential site for the Hub as this was seen as the most logical site to progress for joint working;
- vii Ref. 1.6a - That the one 'stop shop' would initially be for Health and Social Care because of the change in the Care Act. In principle, would look to broaden access to all users. Referred to Rutland Information Service, globally all public services and possibly community and voluntary services;
- viii Ref. 2.2 - Requested that the council report formalising the changes to

- scrutiny panels detailed what would be considered by what panel;
- ix Ref. 4.1 - It was acknowledged that the review of transport was an enormous piece of work which had been ongoing for some time with the consultation undertaken making this a longer project. It was necessary for work to place around existing contracts which had resulted in May 2016 as the completion date;
 - x Ref. 5.16 - Youth centres had closed previously. If there was sufficient need to develop alternative youth provision would need to look at how to engage the community to make it work by identifying real needs;
 - xi Ref. 6.12 - That the Council funded Community Spirit had been very effective;
 - xii Ref. 6.12 - Community Agents – that the service needed to be robust to ensure pro-active regarding unmet need. During the commissioning process the Council would be consulting on outcome based specification given the need to understand how the need out there could be best served to provide a service right for Rutland;
 - xiii Ref. 6.12 - That the Council had a duty of care for the whole community;
 - xiv Ref. 6.12 - Gap analysis had shown that the 20-50 age range received very little support.
 - xv Ref. 6.12 - A 'signposting' service was being looked at to complement the statutory service, this was being risk assessed across the county;
 - xvi Ref. 6.16 - Concern was expressed about the number of people requiring care and staff to provide good quality service and what the Authority was doing to encourage people into the profession. Members were advised that as part of the Workforce Strategy the Authority would invest and support this sector including care home staff. It was acknowledged that the 5-Year Strategy and Better Care Together were heavily dependent on having an appropriately trained workforce in place to deliver health and social care going forward; the People Directorate was to risk assess for Rutland;
 - xvii Ref. 6.17 - That the introduction of an integrated health and social care unscheduled care hub/crisis response hub had commenced supported by the Better Care Fund. Adult Learning and Post 16 education and national organisation specialising in help to gain employment for Forces' dependents had been approached regarding the possibility of staffing the hub;
 - xviii Ref. 6.25 - The Council was looking at provision and need, contacting users, AgeUK and various other organisations on how to best provide the services users want. Drop In sessions for volunteers at day care centres were planned for October. Efforts were being made to find solutions for individual users;
 - xix Ref. 7.4 & 7.5 - That the Authority had already seen the complexities of the results of the academies and needed to be aware of the term 'partnership working';
 - xx Ref. 7.4 - That new resources were in place to offer improvement where a school had not yet been labelled as 'Improvement Required' by Ofsted but there were grounds for concern;
 - xxi Ref. 7.7 - Members advised that the Rutland Teaching Schools Alliance offered training and support to newly qualified teachers and for schools to work collaboratively with the Alliance. This was building on good practice at no extra

- cost. The Alliance also worked with Nottingham University as a training agency;
- xxii Ref. 7.7 - Officers were asked about the possibility of training being provided for school governors. Members were informed that the Learning and Skills Strategy included a strong commitment to look at training for governors and that a governor conference was planned;
- xxiii Ref. 8.1 to 8.5 - That this was an important charter and that it would be an integral part of task and finish group's remit to engage with the public
- xxiv Ref. 10.1 - That the Strategy would be held within the Council's Resources Directorate;
- xxv Ref. 10.1 - The possibility of a council wide commissioning and procurements team with services being sold to schools was raised with officers.
- xxvi Officers were commended for all the work that had gone into the report: the structure proposed would ensure facilities were delivered; partnership working would be both effective and economical, avoid duplication and allow the Authority to build on tremendous sense of goodwill seen in the county; the idea of the individual and independence with bespoke packages to those who need them most was entirely welcomed;
- xxvii That Rutland was small enough to deliver on a case by case basis focused on the individual, family or community;
- xxviii That the report contained few firm proposals mainly stated would consider/review/develop/explore and that it was important that decisions be brought back to the democratic process in the future;
- xxix Members were assured that due process would be followed with Members being involved. Recommendations would be scrutinised;
- xxx Members were reminded that a number of the actions were inwardly focused whilst the report was externally focused. The new Director for the People Directorate had already been tasked to review administrative support across the Directorate and further structure work would be undertaken to eliminate duplication; the Baseline Review had shown that some teams could be merged;
- xxxi That this was the biggest single change affecting the country with the Better Care Fund, Better Care Together and new legislation in the Care At there was a realisation nationally that change was necessary.

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The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

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