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Minutes of the **MEETING of the PEOPLE (ADULTS & HEALTH) SCRUTINY PANEL** held in the Council Chamber, Catmose, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 6HP on Thursday, 1st October, 2015 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT:	Mrs L Stephenson (Chair) Mr R Gale Miss G Waller Mr O Bird (Substitute for Mr C Parsons)	Mrs R Burkitt Mr A Mann Mr A Walters
ABSENT:	Mr G Conde	Mr W Cross
APOLOGIES:	Mr C Parsons	Mr A Stewart
OFFICERS PRESENT:	Dr T O'Neill Mr M Andrews Mr J Morley Mrs D Greaves	Director for People Deputy Director for People Head of Adult Social Care Accountant
IN ATTENDANCE:	Mr R Clifton Mr R Begy Mrs J Fenelon Mrs M Barber	Portfolio Holder for Health and Adult Social Care Council Leader Health Watch, Rutland Better Care Together

271 RECORD OF MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the People (Adults & Health) Scrutiny Panel held on the 9th July 2015, copies of which had been previously circulated were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

272 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mrs Stephenson declared an interest in Report No. 181/2015, Better Care Together: Outline of Plans for Consultation.

Mr Gale declared an interest in Report No. 143/2015, Charging Policy and Consultation, specifically option 6 in the report, Charging Carers.

273 PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS AND QUESTIONS

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

274 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE FROM MEMBERS

No questions were received from members.

275 NOTICES OF MOTION FROM MEMBERS

No Notices of Motion were received from members.

276 CONSIDERATION OF ANY MATTER REFERRED TO THE PANEL FOR A DECISIONS 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.

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7.05pm Mrs Burkitt arrived
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277 BETTER CARE TOGETHER: OUTLINE OF PLANS FOR CONSULTATION

Report No. 181/2015 was received from Mary Barber, Programme Director, Better Care Together, the purpose of which was to provide an update on the progress of the Better care together programme focussing on the preparation for Public Consultation. The report was introduced by the Council Leader, Mr Begy.

During discussion the following points were noted:

- a) There would be a special meeting with all members in the next couple of months before going out to consultation.
- b) Hospital beds at home would be optional.
- c) Work would be in conjunction with neighbouring counties' health providers.
- d) Beds would remain available in acute hospitals while the ICS (Intensive Community Services) was being established.
- e) Clarification was sought regarding the new model of 'wrap around services' currently being piloted (Page 14, Section 6).

AGREED:

1. That the Panel **NOTED** the content of the Report; and
2. Mrs Barber to provide more information regarding the new model of 'wrap around services'.

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Mrs Barber & Mr Begy left the meeting at 8pm
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278 QUARTER 1 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT

Report No. 150/2015 which was previously circulated under separate cover, was received, the purpose of which was to present the council's performance for the first quarter of 2015/16

AGREED:

1. That the Panel would not note the content of the Report due to it being received so long after the event.

279 QUARTER 1 FINANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT

Report No. 153/2015 which was previously circulated under separate cover, was received, the purpose of which was to inform members of the full year forecast position as at Quarter 1 for 2015/16 and to alert them to issues that may impact on the Medium Term Financial Plan to enable them to maintain a sound financial management of the Council's operations.

AGREED:

1. That the Panel would not note the content of the Report due to it being received so long after the event.

280 EARLY WARNING PAPER

Report No. 77/2015 from the Director for People, was received. The Report was introduced by the Portfolio Holder, Mr Richard Clifton. The purpose of the report was to provide information on the relevant agencies and early warning systems to ensure good practise by registered providers.

During discussion the following points were noted:

- a) The report was based on residential care not domiciliary.

During discussion the following points were raised:

- a) The Panel requested more information on domiciliary care in the next paper relating to residency.
- b) The Panel raised concerns over the social and emotional wellbeing of residents. The Portfolio Holder agreed to look into the commissioning process regarding the involvement of volunteers.

AGREED:

1. That the Panel **NOTED** the content of the Report.

281 MANTON HALL CARE HOME

Report No. 179/2015 from the Director for People, was received. The Report was introduced by the Portfolio Holder, Mr Richard Clifton. The purpose of the report was to outline the support or interventions given to Manton Hall Residential Home by officers of the Council over the last 12 months of the home's operation.

During discussion the following points were noted:

- a) The home has made improvements however more were required. The home has been very transparent during interactions with the Safeguarding team.

- b) The suspension of further placements at Manton Hall was voluntarily agreed and Manton Hall agreed not to take new residents from any county.

AGREED:

1. That the Panel **NOTED** the partnership approach being taken to support Manton Hall; and
2. That the Panel **NOTED** the safeguarding and quality monitoring service was a developing service.

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Mr J Morley left the meeting at 8.32pm

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282 ADULT SOCIAL CARE STRATEGY

Report No. 167/2015 from the Director for People, was received. The Report was introduced by the Portfolio Holder, Mr Richard Clifton. The purpose of the report was to introduce the new Adult Social Care Strategy for discussion and comment, prior to its presentation at Cabinet.

During discussion the following points were noted:

- a) No direct comparisons had been made with other authorities.
- b) The strategy was not going out to consultation. Information would be drawn from the People First consultation.
- c) Information would be shared with other directorates, working as 'One Council'.

During discussion the following points were raised:

- a) The 'Advice and Information Service' online does not have a clear telephone number if the information required could not be located.
- b) Volunteers across the county need to be encouraged and supported.

AGREED:

1. That the Panel **NOTED** the content and approach of the proposed Adult Social Care Strategy; and
2. That the Panel **RECOMMENDED** the strategy for approval by Cabinet.

283 CARE ACT: CHARGING ARRANGEMENTS

Report No. 143/2015 from the Director for People, was received. The Report was introduced by the Portfolio Holder, Mr Richard Clifton. The purpose of the report was to outline the discretionary aspects of the Care Act that afforded flexibility in the way the Council set its charges. It provided an outline of options for charging which enabled the scrutiny panel to explore future changes to the Council's Charging Policy.

During discussion the following points were noted:

- a) The options outlined were flexible.
- b) The Panel suggested that any fees chargeable to self-funders should be outlined from the beginning

- c) Council members would be responsible for setting the fees, which would have to be the actual cost of providing the service or below.

AGREED:

1. That the Panel **NOTED** the options available for charging within Adult Social Care.

284 SCRUTINY PROGRAMME 2015/16 & REVIEW OF FORWARD PLAN

The programme of work for the Panel was distributed. The Panel requested an update in the form of a written report from Healthwatch, along with the annual report to be presented at the next Panel meeting.

AGREED:

1. A written update report plus the Annual Report from Healthwatch would be presented at the next Scrutiny Panel meeting.

285 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

286 DATE AND PREVIEW OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on Thursday 3rd December 2015 at 7pm.

AGREED:

Agenda items for the next meeting should include:

- i. Public Health: Sexual Health Strategy
- ii. Adult Services Complaints: Annual Report
- iii. Healthwatch: Update and Annual Report

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The Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.

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