

HULTON AREA FORUM

MEETING – Monday 30th September, 2019

Present – 15 members of the public attended the meeting

Councillor Derek Bullock	- Hulton Ward
Councillor Toby Hewitt	- Hulton Ward
Councillor Diane Parkinson	- Hulton Ward

Also in attendance

Vivienne Morris	- Neighbourhood Development Manager
Jane Bickerstaffe	- Business Support Officer
Joe Fox	- Department of Place
Chris Wood	- Bolton at Home
Shauna Morton	- Bolton at Home
Sharon Martin	- NHS Foundation Trust
Rachel Noble	- NHS Foundation Trust
Sgt Tracy Tant	- Greater Manchester Police
PCSO Keith Jackson	- Greater Manchester Police

Councillor Toby Hewitt in the Chair

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS

Councillor Hewitt welcomed everyone and introduced himself, the other ward Councillors and officers in attendance.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM COUNCILLORS AND OFFICERS

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 29th October, 2018 were approved as a correct record.

4. PRESENTATION ON THE BOLTON NHS FOUNDATION TRUST FIVE YEAR STRATEGY

Councillor Hewitt introduced Sharon Martin, Director of Strategy and Transformation at Bolton NHS Foundation Trust, who gave a presentation on their Five Year Strategy. The main points were as follows;

2018/19 Summary and highlights

- 2018/9 was incredibly tough for the whole NHS, both operationally and financially
- Bolton improved patient safety, patient satisfaction and staff satisfaction
- We were one of the very few to manage within our financial budget
- Fantastic Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection
- One of the top five trusts in the country for cancer treatment times
- Reduced waiting times in A & E
- Recognised as a digital leader
- Friends and family feedback 96.5% would recommend
- NHS Staff Survey – best results in Greater Manchester and top 20% in country
- £13m+ invested in new unit for urology, A&E expansion and new facilities for breast services

Strategy overview and ambitions

- Today marks the launch of our new five-year strategy

Ambitions:

1. To give every person the best care, every time
2. To be a great place to work
3. To use our resources wisely
4. To make our hospital and buildings fit for the Future
5. To join-up services to improve the health of the people of Bolton
6. To develop partnerships across Greater Manchester to improve services

Our Pledge – as part of our engagement when developing the strategy, we asked the public what was most important to them. Our community told us that they wanted us to:

- Improve our communication with them
- Use technology where we can

- Make sure we deliver the best quality of care
- Reduce waste and duplication
- Work more closely with other services

Within this strategy, we are therefore making a pledge to the public that we will listen to this feedback and use it in developing our services. Quality will be at the centre of everything we do, and we will focus on people's strengths and assets to enable them to live happy, healthy lives. We are asking the public to continue helping us to develop as an organisation, and this strategy is the start of a partnership with the public of Bolton where we will work together "For a better Bolton".

Our time to listen...

Comments can be forwarded to: myfuturebft@boltonft.nhs.uk

A number of questions and comments followed the presentation and were either answered on the night or would be referred back to the NHS Foundation Trust.

Resolved – That the presentation be noted.

5. UPDATE ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD MANAGEMENT PROJECT ACTIVITY

Councillor Hewitt introduced Chris Wood, Community Investment Manager from Bolton at Home, who gave a brief update on the following;

Neighbourhood Management

- Neighbourhood Management Funding was targeted to support projects and initiatives that bring communities together, promote cohesion and raise aspiration, whether that be through skills, education, employment or community activity.
 - Budgets are targeted to those areas that are experiencing 'disadvantage'
 - Decisions are made by Hulton ward members in partnership with local communities

Funding had been provided to support:

- Wallies Youth Club (Eldercot Road)
- Daisy Dell (back Morton Avenue)

- Hulton Residents Association - The next clean-up event will take place in January/February 2020
- Community get togethers
- Jo Cox foundation, Better Together Event
- Christmas parties
- Trips to the Octagon and Bolton Wanderers
- ABC Park (Platt Hill)

A number of questions were asked and answered on the night.

Resolved – That the presentation be noted.

6. AREA FORUM BUDGET UPDATE

Councillor Hewitt introduced Vivienne Morris, Neighbourhood Development Manager, who gave a brief update on budgets devolved to the Area Forum:

Area Forum Flat Rate 2018/19:

Allocation £3,750

- Play Sessions for School Holidays in the Hulton Ward £900

The balance remaining is £2,850

Resolved – That the update, together with the project approved under the Council's Scheme of Delegation be noted.

Following the update, Vivienne Morris went on to give a short briefing on the Neighbourhood Watch and Bolton Flu Buddies Schemes. The main points were;

Neighbourhood Watch

- The council, police and partners were encouraging the setting up of new Neighbourhood Watch (NW) schemes
- NW is community led, organised and run and was known to have helped to reduce crime and the fear of crime
- It promotes neighbourliness and reduces isolation.
- A handbook would be sent out with the minutes providing advice on setting up and running Neighbourhood Watch.
- Schemes should be registered www.ourwatch.org.uk

Bolton Flu Buddies

- Flu season is now upon us and the council, NHS and partners were encouraging people to take up the flu vaccination to help prevent this unpredictable virus.
- People entitled to free NHS vaccination would be written to.
- Parents should sign the consent form for their children to receive the nasal spray vaccine at school and others could get the vaccine from their GP or pharmacist for around £10.
- Discuss any concerns with your GP or pharmacist.
- More information was available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/flu/>

7. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

Councillor Hewitt introduced this item on the agenda and invited residents to ask any questions or put forward any comments they had regarding issues and concerns in the Ward.

Q1	A resident asked what are the council doing about air pollution particularly at Chequerbent Roundabout?
A	Councillor Hewitt explained that Bolton Council were working on the Clean Air Plan, which was looking at how to cut carbon emissions and remove pollution from the air.

Resolved – That the question be noted.

8. CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS

Councillor Hewitt thanked everyone for their attendance. The date of the next meeting would be confirmed in due course and advertised on the Bolton Council website.

(The meeting started at 7.04pm and finished at 8.00pm)