

## **HEALTH OVERVIEW AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

MEETING, 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2022

Present – Councillors Haworth (Chairman), T. Wilkinson (Vice-Chairman), N. Ayub, Bullock, Hartigan, Khurram, Meehan, Radcliffe, Rimmer, Mrs. Thomas and Wright.

### Also in attendance

Councillor Morgan	- Executive Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care
Ms. R. Tanner	- Managing Director, Bolton Integrated Care Partnership DASS
Mrs. K. Kenyon	- Assistant Director Social Care and Housing
Ms. L. Donkin	- Interim Director of Public Health
Ms. J. Haworth	- Clinical Screening and Immunisation Manager, Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership
Ms. F. Noden	- Chief Executive, Bolton NHS FT
Ms. T. Minshull	- Assistant Director Commissioning
Mrs. V. Ridge	- Democratic Services Manager

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Challender, Fletcher, McGeown and Taylor-Burke and Councillor Baines, Executive Cabinet Member for Wellbeing and Bernie Gallagher, Bolton and District Pensioners Association and Suzanne Hilton, Age UK Bolton.

Councillor Haworth in the Chair.

### **23. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 were submitted.

Resolved – That the minutes be agreed and signed as a correct record.

## **24. THE COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME, 2022/23**

The Committee received a report which set out the work programme items for consideration during the Municipal Year.

The Chairman advised members that, due to significant changes in Parliament, the item on Social Care Transformation which was scheduled to be discussed at this Committee on 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2023 would now be removed from the Work Programme.

The Chairman also stated that going forward she would include some narrative on the items contained within the Work Programme so officers were clear as to what members wanted.

Resolved – That the updated work programme for 2022/2023 be approved.

## **25. HOUSING SERVICE UPDATE**

Mrs. Karen Kenyon, Assistant Director Social Care and Housing gave a presentation to members which provided an update on the work being undertaken by Housing Services.

Information was provided in relation to the following, viz:-

- The areas which were covered by Housing Services;
- Asylum dispersal including national/regional comparison;
- Home Office/SERCO property procurement and standards;
- Housing standards and conditions of Private Rent stock (Private Rented Sector) and the Secretary of State's letter following the tragic death of Awaab Ishak in Rochdale and the implications for Bolton; and
- Cold weather/winter provision for rough sleepers.

Members in their discussions referred to –

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- With regards to the provision for asylum seekers from Serco what attempts can be made by the Authority to not accept any further asylum seekers due to the impact on other services and the fact that Bolton was above the national average;
- Housing within the borough was very old stock and there had been very little regeneration;
- One of the problems was the volume of asylum seekers over a significant period of time, and the impact this was having on the ability of services/infrastructure to support adequately and, in particular, the pressure on schools;
- Serco not listening to the local authority about the difficulties on the ground;
- The closure of the Halliwell UCAN which assisted Asylum Seekers and its impact;
- No regulation for private landlords;
- Issues associated with housing asylum seekers who had been granted asylum and therefore were no longer the responsibility of Serco but still needed to be rehoused;
- 26.9% of properties had been identified as having damp and mould what are the local authority doing to address this;
- How does the local authority check that properties acquired by Serco are in good condition;
- Concern that vulnerable people who received higher rates of housing benefits were not well looked after and sometimes taken advantage of by unscrupulous landlords and was there anything the local authority could do about this;
- Housing and health related issues associated with problems with faulty equipment such as fire alarms/carbon monoxide alarms and buildings and fittings which were broken; and
- Traveller sites and the issues associated with these and the involvement of housing services.

Resolved – That Mrs. Karen Kenyon be thanked for her detailed and informative presentation and that the position be noted.

## **26. CHILDHOOD IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME**

Ms. Lynn Donkin, Interim Director of Public Health and Ms. J. Haworth, Clinical Screening and Immunisation Manager Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership gave a joint presentation on the Childhood Immunisation Programme.

Information was provided in relation the following, viz:-

- The importance of Childhood Immunisation;
- Childhood Immunisation was a key element of the Healthy Child Programme;
- The complex system to commission, deliver and assure childhood immunisations;
- The role of the Greater Manchester Screening and Immunisation Team;
- Statistical information across Greater Manchester in relation to the take up of Hexavalent (6-in-1) Primary Course at 1 year;
- Statistical information across Greater Manchester in relation to the take up of Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis) booster at 5 years;
- Statistical information across Greater Manchester in relation to the take up of MMRI at 2 years;
- Statistical information across Greater Manchester in relation to the take up of MMR2 at 5 years;
- The areas which were doing well;
- The improvement plans/next steps;
- Conclusion and call for action; and
- Reference slides were provided in relation to the National Childhood Immunisation Programme and which organisations did what to ensure programme delivery.

Members in their deliberations referred to –

- Could the location of health centres have an impact on the take up of childhood immunisations;
- Was feedback received on why people did not take up childhood immunisations and what support was available for children who had additional needs for immunisations;
- The need to get the message across to the BAME Community of the importance of childhood immunisations;
- An acknowledgement that Bolton was doing well both at a Greater Manchester and national level;
- The approach taken with schools regarding the immunisation of asylum seekers/international new arrivals;
- Was the health questionnaires for 10, 11, 12 and 13 year olds school based and how was it carried out; and
- The Bolton Health Protection Board to look at the nine neighbourhoods and to monitor inequalities.

Resolved – That Ms. Lynn Donkin and Ms. J. Haworth be thanked for their detailed and informative presentation and that the position be noted.

## **27. SOCIAL CARE MARKET AND QUALITY ASSURANCE UPDATE**

Ms. Tracy Minshull, Assistant Director Commissioning gave a presentation to members which provided an update on the Social Care Market and Quality Assurance.

Information was provided in relation to the following, viz:-

- The work force pressures;
- The increases in demand and complexity pressure areas and those areas which had seen positive increases;

- The Winter Pressure Schemes for 2022/2023;
- The current situation with regards to the implementation and support for local authorities in moving towards paying providers a fair cost of care;
- Bolton's position in relation to the Real Living Wage and the current position;
- Key Market Shaping Developments in 2022/2023;
- Quality Assurance and Improvement (Providers);
- Provider Engagement and Co-designing Developments;
- Bolton's Integrated Partnership All Age Carers Strategy;
- Life Opportunities; and
- The Housing Care and Support Prospectus 2023-2033.

Members in their deliberations referred to –

- The operation of Bolton Cares and access to day care services and was this being utilised by the company in relation to direct payments;
- The current situation with Winnifred Day Care Centre and the levels of demand;
- Extreme disappointment was expressed with regards to the lack of progress made with regard to the Real Living Wage for care workers despite assurances being given by the Leader of the Council that this would be implemented by April, 2023.

Resolved – That Ms. Tracy Minshull be thanked for her detailed and informative presentation and the position be noted.

## **28. MEMBERS BUSINESS**

The Committee received the extracts of minutes of other meetings of the Council relevant to the remit of this Committee:-

- (i) Executive Cabinet Member Wellbeing held on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2022; and
- (ii) Executive Cabinet Member Adult Social Care held on 14<sup>th</sup> November and 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2022.

Resolved – That the minutes of the meetings be noted.

(The meeting started at 6.00 p.m. and finished at 8.00 p.m.)