

EAST STRATEGIC NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Day: Wednesday
Date: 23 January 2019
Time: 6.30 pm
Place: George Hatton Hall - Dukinfield Town Hall

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b)	COMMUNITY SAFETY Assistant Director (Operations and Neighbourhoods) to present.	
4.	ITEM FOR INFORMATION	
a)	BUDGET CONVERSATION 2019-20 Tameside Council (TMBC) and NHS Tameside and Glossop Clinical Commissioning Group (T&GCCG) have come together to form the Tameside and Glossop Strategic Commission. Together they handle over £900 million of money spent on public services ranging from bin collections through care for the elderly to the provision of GP surgeries. Both TMBC and T&GCCG have to set a balanced budget for 2019/20. The views of stakeholders, partners and residents are important in helping understand local priorities and inform the budget setting process. Further information on the budget and the Budget Conversation 2019-20 is available on the Tameside Council website at https://www.tameside.gov.uk/tbc/budgetconversation2019-20 . The same page also includes a link to an online survey which gives people the opportunity to have their say on priorities for the budget in 2019-20 and future years. The closing date for completing the Budget Conversation 2019-20 survey is 29 January 2019	

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Agenda Item 2

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17 October 2018

Commenced: 6.30 pm

Terminated: 8.40 pm

Present: Councillors Pearce (Chair), Sweeton (Vice-Chair), Billington, Feeley, Gosling, J Homer, S Homer, Jackson, Patrick, Sharif, Taylor and Wills

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Dickinson, J Lane and Wild

1. CONSULTATION ITEMS

a Over the Counter Prescribing

The Forum received a presentation from the Head of Medicines Management at NHS Tameside and Glossop Clinical Commissioning Group, consulting Members on the local implementation of NHS England guidance on conditions for which over the counter items should not routinely be prescribed in primary care.

Members were advised that NHS England had issued guidance to Clinical Commissioning Groups who were required to take the proposed guidance into account in formulating local policies, unless they were able to articulate a valid reason to do otherwise, and for prescribers to reflect local policies in their prescribing practice. The objective was to support Clinical Commissioning Groups to fulfil their duties around appropriate use of NHS resources.

The Head of Medicines Management at NHS Tameside and Glossop Clinical Commissioning Group advised that the guidance set out proposals on the prescribing of 'over the counter products' for 35 minor and / or self-limiting conditions to encourage people to self-care. There were some general exemptions to the guidance, which were outlined to the Forum as detailed in the report.

Members were asked to consider whether:-

- The CCG take the NHS England guidance into account and formulate local policies to implement this guidance locally?
- The general exemptions be adopted as they are or changed in any way?
- The exemption around social vulnerability needed local agreed definition.
- The exemptions should be broadened or reduced?
- The guidance should apply to all NHS supplies, including the Minor Ailments Scheme?
- The conditions / medicines listed should be extended, reduced or accepted as submitted.

In considering the report Members discussed the importance of a common definition for social vulnerability and formed the view that children should be considered as a socially vulnerable group. They also expressed the need to ensure that there was no adverse impact on the most vulnerable members of society and adequate contingency plans be put in place when the changes were implemented.

Meeting attendees were thanked for their contributions and were directed to the Council website in order to further express their views on the consultation or alternatively complete the feedback forms that had been provided.

RESOLVED

That in the East Strategic Neighbourhood Forum's view children should be considered to be

socially vulnerable and that the impact on low earning individuals needed to be monitored closely to ensure there was no adverse effects as a result of implementation of the local policy.

b Alcohol Misuse Review

The Assistant Director of Public Health gave a presentation providing details of a public engagement campaign focussing on alcohol use and harm, which would run between November 2018 and February 2019. The purpose of the campaign would be to reach out to citizens to input into an Ambition for Alcohol policy document, which was expected to be produced in spring 2019.

It was reported that a relatively poor understanding of alcohol helped lead to an increase of diseases whereby people were not associating some of their own health conditions with their alcohol consumption. This general lack of understanding was a focus of the consultation in seeking innovative ways to challenge myths and perceptions around alcohol consumption and encourage behavioural change.

The consultation would seek solutions to:-

- Raise public awareness of the damage caused by alcohol in Greater Manchester.
- Build an understanding that this is “everyone’s problem”.
- Help shift attitudes and behaviours.
- Determine the appetite for legislative change.
- Engage the community in the best ways to deliver the campaign.

The purpose of the policy would be to support approaches to prevent and minimise harmful alcohol consumption among those most at risk as well as inform the broader population. There was an understanding that efforts needed to be focused on strategies for preventing and minimising alcohol-related harms by better informing the public as to the danger of consumption.

In considering the presentation Members commented on the cheap cost and ease of accessing alcohol. A discussion ensued around the importance of public health reasons being taken into consideration when considering alcohol licence applications and it was suggested that a limit be placed on applications in areas where there was a high concentration of licensed premises and for retailers to be more responsible in their alcohol promotions.

Members also commented that a strong message needed to be delivered to children to make them aware from a young age around the harms associated with alcohol consumption. It was confirmed that a programme was currently under development to work with schools to deliver this message. It was reported that a recent report by Public Health England made reference to a reduction in the drinking patterns for 18-24 year olds and there had been successful work around underage sales within the Borough.

Members referred to a link between alcohol and mental health and a direct relationship between high levels of alcohol consumption in areas of deprivation and high unemployment. Reference was also made to the mixed messages around the consumption of alcohol in pregnancy and the need to have more explicit warnings with regard to the potential damage to the unborn child.

Meeting attendees were thanked for their contribution and encouraged to participate in the consultation when it was launched in November 2018.

RESOLVED

That the presentation be noted.

c Healthy Lifestyles: Walking and Cycling in Tameside

The Assistant Director of Neighbourhoods and Operations delivered a presentation on the creation of a Greater Manchester-wide walking and cycling infrastructure plan, to be funded from the Greater Manchester Mayor's Challenge Fund, which would be complementary to the wider ambitions of the 'Made to Move' campaign. The purpose of the Mayor's Challenge Fund was to create a joined-up walking and cycling network that spanned the city region, providing a sustained investment in walking and cycling infrastructure. Members were requested to comment on proposals to connect the Neighbourhood Forum area with the wider network and identify other options for consideration.

Members were informed that a number of Network Planning events had taken place with each authority across Greater Manchester. The purpose of these meetings was to identify severances to the walking and cycling networks (Canals, motorways, rivers etc.) and then plan ways to cross them. Some of the solutions being proposed would be to improve the existing crossings and junctions for pedestrians and cyclists. In a great number of cases this would be possible without major works. Other strategic working across Greater Manchester would ensure 'buy in' from all authorities, whilst also helping to secure funding and allow consistent design standards across the region. Additionally, utilising existing Capital funding when roads were being re-surfaced, to include walking and cycling provision, could be done at little additional cost to the scheme.

Routes within the Neighbourhood Forum area to be included within the scheme included Stamford Park, Stamford Drive, Currier Lane, Mottram Road and the west side of Park Road. Further major works were proposed for the A57 corridor through Hyde and bridge schemes at Manchester Road and Cavendish Street.

In considering the presentation Members welcomed the proposals but raised some concerns over the viability of the scheme given the topography of the area. A discussion ensued with regard to the culture change required to encourage people to use alternative methods of transport.

Meeting attendees were asked to feedback their views via email or on the feedback forms provided.

RESOLVED

That the East Strategic Neighbourhood Forum support the proposals.

2. FOR INFORMATION / UPDATE

a Engagement and Consultation Strategy

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Governance and Pensions, which provided an update on the approach to engagement and consultation for Tameside and Glossop Strategic Commission (Tameside Council and NHS Tameside and Glossop Clinical Commissioning Group). The approach was relevant to all aspects of service delivery, all communities of Tameside and Glossop and wider multi-agency partnership working. The report re-iterated the agreed approach to engagement and consultation activity when undertaking service redesign projects and provided a summary of work undertaken.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

b Schools Strategy

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member for Lifelong Learning / Deputy Executive Leader / Director of Children's Services / Assistant Director of Finance, which detailed the strategic leadership proposed for Tameside MBC in relation to schools and school

improvement. The strategic approach set out the role of local authority leadership in a system of school-led improvement and the strategic aims in relation to academisation. The report also set out the issues in relation to academisation of PFI schools. The report had been approved by Executive Cabinet at its meeting held on 29 August 2018.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

c Customer Service Excellence

Consideration was given to a report of the Deputy Executive Leader / Chief Executive / Director of Governance & Pensions, advising Members of the recent Customer Service Excellence Assessment and subsequent award of the Customer Service Excellence standard, which had been achieved for the whole of the Council.

The Customer Service Excellence standard was to encourage, enable and reward organisations that were delivering services based on a genuine understanding of the needs and preferences of their customers and communities. Following the recent assessment, the Council had been awarded 100% compliance with ten areas being awarded the highest mark of compliance plus.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

d Events Panel

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services / Assistant Director of Operations and Neighbourhoods informing Members of the creation of an Events Panel, which would coordinate key civic events and lead responses to other significant national commemorations and / or celebrations.

The purpose of the Events Panel was to support and oversee the Borough's key civic events to ensure the best value for money whilst still maintaining the high quality of events. The Council continued to develop and support a vibrant and affordable events programme, which was generally free at the point of delivery. Key civic events such as Whit Friday Brass Band Contests, Armed Forces Day and Christmas celebrations were an integral part of the Council's annual events offer and were generally welcomed and supported by residents engendering a sense of community, wellbeing and civic pride.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

CHAIR