

# **Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel**

**10 June 2021**

**(Meeting held virtually with live webcast. To ratify minutes and discussion points at the meeting of the Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel on 29 July 2021)**

**Commenced:** 6.00pm

**Terminated:** 6.50pm

**Present:** Councillors T Smith (Chair), S Homer (Deputy Chair), Affleck, Alam, Cooper, Jackson, Martin, Owen, Pearce, N Sharif, Welsh.

**Apologies:** Councillors Drennan, Patrick, Sweeton.

## **1. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel held on 11 March 2021 were approved as a correct record.

## **2. HEALTH AND CARE BILL**

The Panel welcomed Jessica Williams, Director of Commissioning, Tameside & Glossop Strategic Commission, to receive an update on proposals set within the White Paper - Integration and innovation: working together to improve health and social care for all.

Ms Williams informed members that the White Paper sets out legislative proposals for changes to the health and care system. The four overarching aims are to:

- Improve population health and healthcare
- Tackle unequal outcomes and access
- Enhance productivity and value for money
- Help the NHS to support broader social and economic development

Subject to legislative timescales, the Council is working towards an initial date of April 2022 at which point local Clinical Commissioning Groups will merge into Integrated Care Systems (ICS). At a regional level, the ten CCGs across Greater Manchester will form a statutory and coterminous Greater Manchester Integrated Care System (GMICS).

Questions and concerns have arisen, which mainly focus on local arrangements for Tameside & Glossop, given that the CCG area covers residents and patients of Derbyshire. The process for agreeing the boundary is not yet clear and further guidance is imminent. Work will continue to plan and prioritise the best interests of residents while awaiting a decision, with shadow arrangements expected from September 2021.

There is an expectation that NHS organisations continue to develop relationships with local government and communities to join up health and social care and to tackle wider social and economic determinants of health. The aim is to move away from competition in healthcare towards a new model of collaboration, partnership and integration.

It is important to note that achievements in local integration across the Council and CCG will not deplete as a result of this process. As services recover from the pandemic and respond to the White Paper this provides a renewed opportunity to reset and redefine a shared common purpose.

The Panel heard that a Tameside & Glossop Integrated Care Transition Board is to oversee and set the direction of work.

Ms Williams responded to a number of questions from the Panel on:

- Future challenges envisaged around access to primary care and other key health services
- Equity of access to healthcare under a new Integrated Care System
- Local CCG workforce arrangements under a GMICS
- Methods to monitor the impact and outcomes of transition on population health gain and sustainability
- Community engagement

**Resolved:** That Ms Williams be thanked for attending the meeting.

### **3. ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME**

Tameside Scrutiny Panels are required to publish an Annual Work Programme of planned activity. The programme of work will cover a two-year rolling period that is to be reviewed, updated and agreed on an annual basis.

The Chair presented a list of topics for the 2021/22 municipal year and beyond. Panel members agreed that Scrutiny must continue to adapt accordingly to consider appropriate matters with a keen eye on recovery, community and economic resilience.

The Chair noted comments from members to inform the final document. It was agreed that a comprehensive scoping exercise will take place at the start of any in-depth review to agree the aim, objectives and requests for information. Next step is for Overview Panel to receive Scrutiny Work Programmes on 26 July 2021.

Scrutiny activity will continue to adopt a combination of approaches to review service and performance updates, respond to formal consultations, focus reports of the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman and areas in need of more in-depth review. This includes a responsibility for:

- Research and insight on a particular issue, including in-depth and desktop reviews
- Review of decisions and recommendations
- Follow-up (from previous review / municipal year)
- Engagement and consultation – to provide responses to pre-decision activity
- Consideration of decisions and reports from the Ombudsman
- Receive updates on key issues as they arise
- Active monitoring of national and regional policy and substantive variation to service change

Scrutiny activity will continue to take place outside of the formal meetings, with all findings and recommendations presented to the full panel for comment and approval. The improved flexibility allows speedier and timelier work to be undertaken, creating further opportunity to both influence and inform the impact of decisions made.

**Resolved:** That the annual work programme of the Place and External Relations Scrutiny Panel be agreed.

### **4. CHILDREN'S WORKING GROUP**

The Chair confirmed that the fixed Children's Working Group will remain in place for 2021/22. The working group will consist of councillors from the panel and continued participation of co-opted adults and young people.

There will be four fixed meeting dates during the municipal year. The meetings will continue to be held in private, as is standard for a working group. All findings and actions of the group to be shared at the next available meeting of the Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel.

**Resolved:** Future meeting dates to be confirmed and circulated to members by email and as a calendar invitation.

## **5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To note that the next meeting of the Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel will take place on 29 July 2021.

## **6. URGENT ITEMS**

The Chair reported that there were no urgent items for consideration at this meeting.

**CHAIR**