

Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel

4 November 2021

Commenced: 6.00pm

Terminated: 7.00pm

Present: Councillors T Smith (Chair), Affleck, Drennan, Pearce, Sweeton, Welsh.

Apologies: Councillors Alam, Cooper, S Homer, Jackson, Owen, Patrick, N Sharif.

22. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel held on 9 September 2021 were approved as a correct record.

23. ADULT SERVICES

The Panel welcomed Stephanie Butterworth, Director of Adult Services; and Mark Whitehead, Head of Service, to receive an update on current challenges and future strategic priorities for Adult Services.

Ms Butterworth advised members of two significant challenges faced by Adult Service:

- Demographics and demand – with the numbers of older people increasing this will result in a greater need for help and support, pressures regarding long-term conditions, services for adults with a learning disability and wider determinants and impacts of the pandemic.
- Finance and resources – significant budget reduction over time and future uncertainties linked with short-term and one-off funding. Heightened challenges with regard to the social care workforce and delivering a placed based model that provides the best and most suitable accommodation for independent living.

The local health profile does mean that services will need to plan for a proportionately greater level of need and support across the ageing population. This is evident with the number of residents living with long-term conditions, frailty and mental health issues, all of which have been impacted to some extent since the start of Covid-19.

It was reported that through the Live Well at Home initiative the Council in partnership with key health and social care partners has successfully increased the number of residents receiving their care and support at home. There is also an increase in the numbers living independently after a hospital stay, mainly due to investment in the in-house homecare and reablement teams.

Work is ongoing with local housing providers in support of creating greater capacity and availability to provide residents with the most appropriate and sustainable housing options to meet their needs. This includes younger adults to live independently and supporting people to return to Tameside and receive ongoing support for mental health needs.

The Panel heard that plans are in place to develop Live Well at Home through the ongoing work with wider system colleagues in offering early support to prevent the need for ongoing adult social care. The care at home support with work alongside and in connection with the Primary Care Networks and a digital service to assist residents in continuing to have their care needs met at home and to avoid unnecessary hospital admissions.

Ms Butterworth advised that outcomes from a recent public consultation exercise will help inform future strategy and delivery for areas such as daytime services.

Ms Butterworth and Mr Whitehead responded to a number of questions from the Panel on:

- Workforce pressures across the wider care sector and in particular local challenges for Tameside providers and care agencies – the ongoing work to review and prioritise people's needs and risks where necessary
- Tameside Sensory Services
- Building resilience within neighbourhoods and the support available to carers
- The role and availability of the digital services

Resolved: That Ms Butterworth and Mr Whitehead be thanked for attending the meeting.

24. RESPONSE TO MID-YEAR BUDGET UPDATE

The Panel received for information, a letter of the Scrutiny Chairs to Councillor Oliver Ryan, Executive Member, Finance and Economic Growth, in response to the mid-year budget updates held on 7 and 9 September 2021.

25. GREATER MANCHESTER SCRUTINY

The Chair provided a verbal update on activity of the GM Corporate Issues & Reform Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

26. CHAIR'S UPDATE

The Chair informed panel members of the Children's Working Group meeting that will now take place on 31 January 2022, with plans in place for members to receive an update on Children's Services improvement plan.

Members updated on the Scrutiny annual budget meetings that will take place in January 2022, as soon as the dates and times are finalised calendar invitations will sent to all panel members to attend.

27. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the next meeting of the Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel will take place on 13 January 2022.

28. URGENT ITEMS

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

CHAIR