

Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel

14 March 2019

Commenced: 6.00pm

Terminated: 7.40pm

Present: Councillors Peet (Chair), T Smith (Deputy Chair), Affleck, Billington, Cooper, S Homer, Jackson, Mills.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Cartey, Gosling, Taylor, Welsh.

37. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel held on 10 January 2019 were approved as a correct record.

38. CARERS IN TAMESIDE

The Panel welcomed Sandra Whitehead, Assistant Director, Adult Services; and Julie Moore, Integrated Neighbourhood Manager, to receive a progress update on past recommendations from the review of Carers undertaken in 2017.

Panel members received an updated Executive Response template with current information and actions against all of the original recommendations and responses. A specific area of concern for members was the identification of health needs across carers and the ability of agencies to provide the necessary support.

It was reported that recent integration work has provided enhanced opportunities for the Council to work much more closely with health colleagues, including GPs and District Nurses. General health needs are considered as part of the Carers Assessment and this is further supported by work with primary care and the CCG to identify and implement wider contract specifications. This includes the encouragement of GPs to offer an annual health checks for registered carers and discharge protocols from secondary care when returning home to fulfil a caring role.

It was reported that similar work streams are also focused on picking up on the ability of carers to seek advice and support and projects targeted to reduce loneliness and social isolation. The Panel heard that the Carers Centre will move to Tameside One in the near future, which will improve general accessibility and footfall, with improvements made to signage and general signposting from partners.

The Panel expressed further interest in the needs of young carers in Tameside, with options to arrange a more specific update from Children's Services in 2019/20.

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

39. SCRUTINY BUDGET LETTER

The Chair updated members on the Scrutiny Budget Letter submitted to the Deputy Executive Leader and the Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer) on 30 January 2019. This was the first occasion that the invitation had been extended to all scrutiny members, with briefing sessions held on 28 January 2019. The letter provides a formal response to the consultation

and includes a summary of the main discussion points.

40. CHILDREN'S WORKING GROUP

The Deputy Chair updated members on the information received at the two meetings of the working group that have taken place on:

- 16 January 2019 – Reading Attainment.
- 27 February 2019 – Pupil Attendance.

A formal response paper, with recommendations to the Executive, will now be drafted and signed off by the group at the next meeting on 3 April 2019.

41. QUALITY OF CARE HOMES

The Chair introduced a report, with recommendations, which concludes recent activity on the Quality of Care Homes in Tameside. The paper is to be shared with the relevant Executive Member, with the Panel to then receive a formal response.

Resolved: That the report be sent to the relevant Executive Member for response.

42. CHAIR'S UPDATE

The Chair provided a verbal update and recap on activity undertaken by the Panel, the improved responsiveness in reporting and links with the Executive. This included:

- Children's Services Improvement
- Suicide Prevention
- Quality of Care Homes
- Over the Counter Medicines
- Training for all Scrutiny Members
- Monthly update emails
- Scrutiny budget session for all members

43. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that this is the last meeting of the Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel for the 2018/19 municipal year.

44. URGENT ITEMS

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

CHAIR