

Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel

13 June 2019

Commenced: 6.00pm

Terminated: 6.35pm

Present: Councillors T Smith (Chair), S Homer (Deputy Chair), Affleck, Martin, Owen, Patrick, Welsh.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Cooper, Drennan, Gosling, Jackson, Mills, Ricci, Wild.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel held on 14 March 2019 were approved as a correct record.

2. STATUTORY GUIDANCE FOR OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

Paul Radcliffe, Policy and Strategy Lead, presented a summary of the statutory scrutiny guidance published on 7 May 2019.

A number of positive comparisons were made to the way scrutiny activity is currently planned and delivered in line with the national guidance. Panel members discussed the following points:

- Culture and standards – creating an environment conducive to effective scrutiny.
- Prioritisation – to ensure scrutiny activity concentrates on delivering work that is of genuine value and is relevant to wider priorities of the authority.
- Clear identification of roles and responsibilities.
- Engagement between the Executive and Scrutiny.
- Influence – early involvement in the decision making process.
- Planning and preparation – understanding benefits scrutiny can bring, what's needed, best outcomes, maintaining a flexible approach to research and reviews.

3. ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME

The Chair presented a list of topics for consideration to inform a two year programme of work. It was agreed that topics will be subject to annual review to ensure that work remains relevant and able to react to changing priorities or any urgent matters that may arise.

The topics are a combination of service and performance updates, input to formal consultations and areas for in-depth review. This includes a responsibility for:

- Engagement and consultation – to provide responses to pre-decision activity.
- Research and insight to a particular issue.
- Review of decisions and recommendations.

Scrutiny activity will continue to be undertaken outside of the formal meetings, with all findings and recommendations presented to the full panel for comment and approval. This flexibility can allow for speedier and timelier work to be undertaken, creating an enhanced opportunity to both influence and inform the impact of decisions being made.

It was agreed that the Chair will now look to explore and progress a review into the 'Recruitment and Retention of Foster Carers in Tameside', with an overview to be presented at the next panel meeting on 25 July 2019.

Resolved: The Annual Work Programme to be presented at the next Overview (Audit) Panel meeting on 29 July 2019.

4. CHILDREN'S WORKING GROUP

The Chair confirmed that the fixed Children's Working Group will remain in place for 2019/20. The working group will consist of seven councillors from the panel - Cllrs T Smith (Chair), Affleck, Homer, Martin, Owen, Patrick and Welsh – with the continued participation of co-opted adults and young people.

There will be four fixed meeting dates during the municipal year, with a start time of 6pm. The meetings will continue to be held in private, as is standard for a scrutiny working group. All findings and actions from the meetings will be tabled and presented at the next available meeting of the Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel, for information and sign off. It was agreed that arrangements will be made for the working group to examine 'Children and Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing'.

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

5. QUALITY OF CARE HOMES

The Panel received a report and completed Executive Response which concludes the Quality of Care Homes review undertaken during 2018/19. The Chair advised members that the report will be presented at the next meeting of the Overview (Audit) Panel on 29 July 2019.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the next meeting of the Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel will take place on 25 July 2019.

7. URGENT ITEMS

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

CHAIR