

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Health and Housing Policy Development and Review Panel

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Thursday, 17 November 2016

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor B Bayford (Chairman)

Councillor F Birkett (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs M Brady, Mrs C Heneghan, S D Martin and D L Steadman

**Also
Present:**



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology of absence was received from Councillor Ms Pankhurst.

2. MINUTES

It was AGREED that the minutes of the Health and Housing Policy Development and Review Panel held on 22 September 2016 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS

In accordance with the Standing Orders and the Council's Code of Conduct, Councillor Mrs M Brady declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute item 6 – Presentation from Fareham and Gosport Clinical Commissioning Group Local Health Priorities as she works as a locum GP across the Borough.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

6. PRESENTATION FROM FAREHAM AND GOSPORT CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP- LOCAL HEALTH PRIORITIES

Councillor Mrs M Brady declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item as she works as a locum G.P across the Borough.

The Panel received a presentation from Dr David Chilvers and Mr Richard Samuel from the Fareham & Gosport Clinical Commissioning Group. The presentation outlined key priorities of the Group, the challenges currently being faced and how the Sustainability and Transformation Plan will enable the NHS to provide better local care.

Dr Chilvers explained that the key priorities for Fareham and Gosport focus on staying healthy and preventing ill health, providing integrated care away from the hospital, urgent and emergency care, improving elective care and improving quality and reducing variation. Challenges faced by the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) include unsustainable growth in demand for health and care, longevity coupled with increasingly poor health, longer than necessary hospitalisation and difficulties with recruitment and retention of staff.

In providing financial context, Dr Chilvers informed Members that the CCG has an annual budget of around £254m and is one of the lowest funded Groups in the country. The CCG buys services from local providers, including Portsmouth Hospital NHS Trust, Southern Health and local GPs and, for the first time in its history, went into budget deficit in the last financial year by

around £3.1m. Across Hampshire & Isle of Wight, the gap between available funding and the cost of delivering NHS services is projected to be £577m by 2020/21.

The Sustainability and Transformation Plan for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight sets out a vision for the future of health/care services, addressing some of the many challenges currently being faced by changing how care is delivered, driving productivity and efficiency, transforming the workforce, investing in digital transformation and redesigning how the NHS and social care providers work together.

There followed a question and answer session which provided Members with the opportunity to seek points of clarification on matters raised in the presentation and discuss how plans going forward would impact on Fareham.

It was AGREED that Dr Chilvers and Mr Samuel be thanked for providing an interesting and informative presentation.

(Councillor F Birkett left the meeting at the end of this item)

7. HEALTH UPDATE

The Panel received a brief update from the Chairman on local health issues.

The Chairman was pleased to report that one of the issues surrounding the use of the Fareham Community Hospital that Members have frequently discussed at recent meetings has been resolved; the Fareham & Gosport Clinical Commissioning Group has agreed to pay a fixed level of funding per year so that the hospital can be used for the benefit of residents and patients 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

There remains an issue with regard to the management and reporting structure at the hospital, but efforts to try and resolve this matter will continue.

8. REVIEW OF FARELETS

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Operations which provided an update on the FareLets scheme.

Members enquired how many empty properties in private ownership have been renovated under the Council's grant scheme to make them habitable for Council leasing. The Head of Housing, Revenues and Benefits agreed to prepare and make this information available to Members.

It was AGREED that:-

- (a) the Panel notes the progress of the FareLets Scheme; and
- (b) the Senior Housing Officer be thanked for providing a very informative report.

9. REVIEW OF THE WORK PROGRAMME 2016/17

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Operations which reviewed the Work Programme for 2016/17.

It was AGREED that:-

- (a) the Work Programme for 2016/17 be approved; and
- (b) the Director of Operations be thanked for his report.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 7.25 pm).