

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Health and Housing Policy Development and Review Panel

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Thursday, 12 September 2013

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices, Fareham

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs M E Ellerton (Chairman)

Councillors: Miss S M Bell, D L Steadman, D C S Swanbrow (deputising for T G Knight) and Mrs K K Trott

Also Present: Councillor B Bayford, Executive Member for Health and Housing (item 7)



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from the Vice-Chairman, Councillor T G Knight and from Councillors P J Davies and N R Gregory.

2. MINUTES

It was AGREED that the minutes the meeting of the Health and Housing Policy Development and Review Panel held on 18 July 2013 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed Dr Ruth Milton, the Director of Public Health and Dr David Chilvers, the Chairman of Fareham & Gosport Clinical Commissioning Group, to the meeting.

The Chairman made an announcement concerning the meeting of the officer/member working group for the Review of the Allocations Policy, which would take place on Friday 27 September 2013 at 3pm. The working group was made up of the Chairman, Councillors Miss Bell and Mrs Trott, the Head of Strategic Housing and other officers as appropriate.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS

There were no declarations of interest or disclosures of advice or directions made at this meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

6. PRESENTATION ON LOCAL HEALTH PRIORITIES

The Panel received a presentation from Dr Ruth Milton, the Director of Public Health, on the role of the Health & Wellbeing Board and the Health Priorities for Fareham.

Dr Milton explained that she was visiting all 11 local authorities in Hampshire to explain about the new public health duty for local authorities as a result of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

It was AGREED that Dr Ruth Milton be thanked for her presentation.

7. PRESENTATION ON FAREHAM & GOSPORT CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP

The Panel received a presentation from Dr David Chilvers on the role of the Fareham & Gosport Clinical Commissioning Group, giving an overview of the

strategic priorities for the group and its approach to public participation and engagement in reviewing service provisions.

Copies of a publication entitled 'Introducing your Clinical Commissioning Group' were circulated to those present. Dr Chilvers also indicated that he had a powerpoint presentation on the role of the group, which he would make available to members.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor B Bayford addressed the Panel during the consideration of this item.

It was noted that the CCG had been given access to the Council's means of communication with residents. It was further noted that consultation had been taking place with the CCG about the inclusion of some questions in the annual Residents' Survey. The following proposed questions were discussed and agreed with Dr Chilvers and endorsed by the Panel:

- Do you find it easy to book an appointment within a reasonable time at your local doctor's surgery or health centre? yes/no
- Are you satisfied with the service you get from your local doctor's surgery or health centre? yes/no
- Are you aware that your doctor's surgery or health centre has a Patient Participation Group? yes/no

It was AGREED that:-

- (a) Dr David Chilvers be thanked for his presentation; and
- (b) The matter raised by Councillor Swanbrow and other members concerning where MRI scans could be carried out be discussed with Dr Chilvers outside the meeting.

8. DISCHARGING THE HOMELESSNESS DUTY THROUGH ACCOMMODATION IN THE PRIVATE RENTED SECTOR

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Community on the changes to the way in which authorities can deal with applications for social housing and homelessness by discharging the homelessness duty through accommodation in the private rented sector.

It was AGREED that the Panel note the recent change in legislation and endorse the new policy and procedure enabling the Council to discharge its homelessness duty into the private rented sector.

9. REVIEW OF TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Community which reviewed the temporary accommodation that is currently available to the Council and set

out a proposed new approach to the management and procurement of temporary accommodation.

It was AGREED that the Panel support the new approach to the management and procurement of Temporary Accommodation as set out in the Report.

10. REVIEW OF THE WORK PROGRAMME 2013/14

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Community on a review of the Work Programme for 2013/14.

It was AGREED that the Work Programme for 2013/14 be approved.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 7.32 pm).