

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Thursday, 16 January 2020

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor G Fazackarley (Chairman)

Councillor Ms S Pankhurst (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs P M Bryant, Mrs T L Ellis, Miss T G Harper and J G Kelly

Also Present: Councillor T M Cartwright, MBE, Executive Member for Health and Public Protection (for item 8)



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor K A Barton.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel held on 31 October 2019 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OR ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS

Councillor Ms S Pankhurst declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of item 6 on the agenda as she is employed by the NHS 111 service.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

6. SCRUTINY OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE PROVISION

Councillor Ms S Pankhurst declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of this item as she is employed by the NHS 111 service.

A report by the Fareham and Gosport Clinical Commissioning Group was tabled at the meeting for consideration. The report was received in response to the Panel's invitation to the Clinical Commissioning Group to attend the meeting to provide Members with information regarding the provision of mental health services in Fareham. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes as Appendix A.

Councillor Mrs P M Bryant left the meeting during this item.

Members discussed and raised questions on the content of the report for clarification.

RESOLVED that the Fareham and Gosport Clinical Commissioning Group be thanked for attending the meeting to present a very interesting and informative report.

7. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

(1) Public Spaces Protection Order

There were no comments received for this item.

8. EXECUTIVE MEMBER UPDATE

The Panel received a verbal update from Councillor T M Cartwright, MBE, Executive Member for Health and Public Protection on Local Strategic Health issues and Police and Public Protection matters.

Local Strategic Health Issues

The £58m redevelopment of Queen Alexandra Hospital (QAH) to improve Accident & Emergency provision is progressing well and has progressed into the final planning stage. Options being considered for the redevelopment include an extension to the existing hospital, building on the North car park or building on the West car park. Assurances have been given that none of these options will result in a reduction in the current level of car parking provision at the hospital.

Progress is being made with plans to utilise Fareham Community Hospital to provide kidney dialysis and it is hoped that patients will soon be able to start using this service.

Councillor Cartwright attended a recent meeting of the Fareham and Gosport Clinical Commissioning Group's Community Engagement Panel. Discussion at this meeting included the future direction of the committee, which is not clear at this time, and details of an ongoing survey being undertaken in connection with GP services.

Councillor Cartwright also attended a local Patient Group where various practices across the Borough provided reports. The Managing Director for the Fareham and Gosport Clinical Commissioning Group also gave a presentation at the meeting which covered spending levels on a number of key service areas and outlined plans for dealing with the £15m overspend on the current financial year.

Police and Public Protection

The two new town centre security officers will be taking up their new roles on the 27 January. They will work in partnership with other agencies in tackling the town centre issues.

The next Police and Crime Panel will take place on 07 February. The main topic for consideration will be the pre-cept and it is likely that the Police & Crime Commissioner will want to take up the maximum increase available.

Hampshire County Council will be taking back responsibility for the delivery of the Supporting Families Programme. This is very disappointing as Fareham has run the programme very successfully for a number of years.

RESOLVED that the Executive Member be thanked for providing the update on local strategic health issues and Police and Public Protection matters.

9. HEALTH AND PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY PANEL PRIORITIES

Members were invited to consider the Scrutiny priorities for the Health and Public Protection Panel.

Following discussion in respect of the items proposed for the agenda of the next meeting, it was agreed that the update on the changes to on street parking arrangements following the transfer of responsibility to Hampshire County Council would be postponed to a meeting later in the year. This is so that the Panel can pre-scrutinise proposals that will be put forward in a report to the Executive in June that outline measures to be put in place to deal with the impact that the changes have had. As the existing meeting date schedule for the Panel did not provide an opportunity for the pre-scrutiny of this report to take place within the required timescale, it was agreed that the meeting scheduled for 23 June 2020 would be brought forward to 19 May 2020.

RESOLVED that the meeting of the Panel scheduled to take place on 23 June 2020 be brought forward to 19 May 2020.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 7.31 pm).