



Minutes of the meeting of the HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SELECT COMMITTEE held on TUESDAY 30 OCTOBER 2012

Present: Councillor Long (Chair)
Councillors Brunning, Bramall, M Burke, Long, Richards, Venn, Wharton and Zealley, and Mr A Hastings (MK LINK)

Officers L Bull (Corporate Director Community Wellbeing), M Hancock (Assistant Director [Joint Commissioning]), L Scott (Assistant Director [Adult Social Care]), E Richardson (Overview and Scrutiny Officer)

Apologies: Councillor Alexander

Also Present: Councillor Brock (Cabinet Member [Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing]), Councillor P Williams and Alderwoman Lloyd (Older Persons' Champion)

HAS09 MINUTES

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee held on 31 July 2012 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

HAS10 UPDATE ON THE PROVISION COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES IN MILTON KEYNES

The Select Committee received an update from the Corporate Director Community Wellbeing on the position of the Milton Keynes Community Health Service in respect of the future delivery of an integrated healthcare service and noted that:

- The current position with regard to Milton Keynes Council and the Community Health Service was in a state of flux due to a considerable number of changes within the NHS, including the Healthier Together Programme;
- The original, preferred option of a managed transfer to a new integrated provider through a merger of the Milton Keynes Community Health Service and the Milton Keynes Hospital Foundation Trust had not been accepted and a full procurement process now needed to be implemented;
- The process to develop an integrated healthcare service had started 3 years ago so it was necessary to continue, even if the Council's and

the Milton Keynes Community Health Service's preferred option had not been approved as there was no alternative;

- There were concerns about the tender process which might mean that Milton Keynes Hospital (the Council's preferred bidder) would not be in a position to bid;
- The Council was unable to intervene in the procurement process as it would be involved in the assessment of bids in December if the process proceeded properly;
- The priority was to secure the delivery of proper, integrated healthcare services for the people of Milton Keynes;
- Representations from Milton Keynes on the matter were being made to the junior Health Minister.

RESOLVED -

That further consideration of this issue may need to take place at a future meeting of the Select Committee.

HAS11 SOCIAL CARE WHITE PAPER

The Committee received a presentation from the Assistant Director (Adult Social Care) on the new White Paper, *Caring for our Future: Reforming Care and Support*, which had been published on 11 July 2012 and noted that:

- The government was expanding the role of the National Institute of Clinical Excellence (NICE) into adult social care. NICE would develop a library of standards and guidance to improve the quality of social care;
- These would be quality standards rather than regulatory standards. Staff from the Adult Social Care Team had already met with NICE to discuss how the new standards might complement and enhance those already in place in Milton Keynes;
- It was anticipated that in the future there would be less inspection of local government services generally, with a top down setting of standards. There was a possibility that user experience would not be taken into account and that the input of service users into any reviews would be down-graded;
- Everyone who needed assistance from the Adult Social Care Service would be entitled to a personal budget from 2013;
- Improved access to independent advice and support to help people make the right choices about their care requirements needed to be in place. However, clients did not have to manage their personal budgets themselves if they did not wish to;
- Once a budget was allocated to an individual, a financial assessment would be carried out to work out how much care provision they could afford. If they wished, they could use their own money to top up the care provision where necessary;

- Regular assessments would be carried out by social workers to monitor any changes in a client's circumstances and appropriate changes to the personal budget and care provision would be made;
- Carers would also have the same rights as clients and service users to an assessment of their needs and an entitlement to appropriate support to enable them to maintain their own health and wellbeing;
- The money available for personal care budgets remained the same; it was the method of distribution which had changed;
- There was a need to broaden the income base for social care funding into the Council;
- Where possible, it was better to get people to make decisions about their future care needs sooner rather than later in life;
- There were currently approximately 6,000 people who received social care in Milton Keynes, of which approximately 2,200 received specialist care;
- The White Paper was an attempt to consolidate existing good practice with an emphasis on prevention;
- The infrastructure to deliver this was already in place in Milton Keynes and there had always been cross-party consensus on being able to deliver personal choice to clients in the area of adult social care;
- Any future issues relating to adult social care provision would be about the availability of resources, rather than policy and service delivery;
- The overall budget for adult social care had increased over the last few years from 24% to 28%;
- In social care terms Milton Keynes had the advantage of being a relatively small area and it was therefore easier to monitor and maintain contact with service users than in larger authority areas;
- The immediate task would be to make people aware of the services that exist, what they would be entitled to and how to access the information.

RESOLVED –

That the Assistant Director (Adult Social Care) be thanked for her comprehensive presentation on the Adult Social Care White Paper.

HAS12 HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Health and Wellbeing Board would be a committee of the Council and constituted as such. It would also be a partnership board and its structure needed to reflect this.

The Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board was also consulting the Children and Young People Select Committee and the Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group Board during December, prior to the Terms of Reference being submitted to full Council for approval on 9 January 2013.

The Committee noted that the Terms of Reference had an emphasis on performance review and that specific issues which had an impact on health

and wellbeing, such as quality of housing, employment opportunities etc were included in the Health and Wellbeing Board's Strategy document.

RESOLVED –

That the draft Terms of Reference for the Health and Wellbeing Board be endorsed and recommended to full Council on 9 January for implementation from 1 April 2013.

HAS13 REPORT OF THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY REVIEW GROUP

The Committed received the Report of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy Review Group and noted the Review Group's concern at only receiving a summary of the consultation results, rather than individual responses.

The Committed noted that Cabinet had not accepted the recommendations of the Review Group and had approved the draft strategy without amendment at its meeting on 17 October 2012.

RESOLVED –

That the report of the Health & Wellbeing Strategy Review Group be noted and the Review Group thanked for their work.

HAS14 SELECT COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

At its meeting on 10 October 2012 the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee approved revised Terms of Reference for the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee. These would be ratified as part of the Constitution by Council on 31 October 2012.

RESOLVED -

That the revised Terms of Reference for the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee as approved by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee be noted.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 8.35 PM