

Commenced – 6.01 pm
Concluded – 7.30 pm

Adults and Public Health Overview and Scrutiny Board

17 June 2013

Present: Councillor Dhindsa (Chair)
Councillors Harwood, J Khan, Skelton, Turner, Webb and L Winter.

01/13 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Jennings and Pegg

02/13 Late Items

There were no late items.

03/13 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

04/13 Minutes of the meeting held on 15 April 2013

The minutes were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

05/13 Call-in

There were no items.

06/13 Remit and Work Programme

A report of the Strategic Director for Resources detailed the boards remit.

Members received a presentation from the Strategic Director for Adults, Health and Housing which provided a context to adult social care, such as an ageing population, growing aspirations, recommendations within the Dilnott report, public health returning to local government and national scandals which had highlighted deficiencies elsewhere. It was explained that the council's adult social care services provided advice and information, safeguarded adults at risk, assessed and managed risks to independence and commission or directly provided care and support services.

Legislation affecting the council's services was detailed, including recommendations within the Care Bill. The adult social care budget was also explained, with the bulk of spending relating to residential or nursing care, supported living and community based care. Derby's performance in relation to residential and nursing care was provided in the context of comparator groups and regional and national averages. It

was shown a far higher proportion of older people in Derby went into residential or nursing care.

Issues of quality were discussed. The strategic director explained that the council needed to remain focused on quality to ensure it did not allow standards to slip as other authorities had in high-profile cases. Additional challenges such as funding, embedding a personalised approach and re-balancing the pattern of care were also detailed.

A further presentation from the Director of Public Health detailed the role of the public health services and explained the new system for health and care as from April 2013. Derby's funding position was provided in the context of neighbouring authorities. It was shown that Derby had been under-funded and so was set to benefit from the highest available growth in grant. However, it was also shown that this would still leave Derby receiving significantly less than neighbouring authorities.

The council's proposed allocation of the public health budget for 2013/14 was presented. This included a 37.8 per cent allocation to drugs and alcohol, 21.4 per cent allocation to sexual health and a 19.2 per cent allocation to adults and older people.

Following questions from members, the Director of Public Health confirmed that issues such as deprivation were very often linked with public health issues, and that Nottingham did suffer from more deprivation than Derby. It was also confirmed that the financial savings threshold for adults to receive adult social care services was currently £23,250 but was proposed to increase to £75,000. Members also discussed the need for effective enablement services and for GPs surgeries to maintain consistently high standards of service.

The work programme was discussed. The Scrutiny and Civic Services Manager circulated a list of potential items for consideration or topic review. It was explained that a maximum of two topic reviews could be submitted per year to the Council Cabinet for consideration. A response to a request that East Midlands Ambulance Service attend a meeting was circulated. Members expressed concern that efforts to raise performance outside of Derby and throughout the rest of the region could potentially have a negative knock-on effect on Derby.

Resolved to:

- 1) Request that the presentations made by the Strategic Director of Adults, Health and Housing and the Director of Public Health be circulated to members of the board; and**
- 2) Request that members of the board consider the list of items circulated by the Scrutiny and Civic Services Manager and respond accordingly; and**
- 3) Receive a presentation from the East Midlands Ambulance Service at the next meeting.**

07/13 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

Members considered the Forward Plan. It was noted that an updated Forward Plan had been published since the agenda for the board meeting had been circulated.

Resolved to request that the latest version of the Forward Plan be circulated.

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