

## Health Scrutiny Committee

### Minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2016

#### Present:

Councillor Craig – In the Chair

Councillors Curley, Hitchen, E.Newman, O'Neil, Paul, Stone, Watson, and Wilson

Councillor Andrews, Executive Member for Adult Health and Wellbeing

Councillor Midgley, Lead Member for Mental Health

Juliet Eadie - Lead Commissioner, Mental Health, CCGs

Maria - Maria is a lady with early onset Dementia

Nick Gomm, Head of Corporate Services, North, Central and South Manchester  
Clinical Commissioning Groups

Craig Harris, Executive Nurse, Director of Infection Prevention Control and Director of  
City Wide Commissioning and Quality

#### **HSC/16/53                      Minutes**

#### **Decision:**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 10 October 2016.

#### **HSC/16/54                      Draft Dementia Strategy**

The Committee received a report of the Strategic Director of Adult Social Services which provided an update on the recent consultation to produce a refresh of the Dementia Strategy and associated developments. The Commissioning Manager introduced the report and emphasised that whilst the Dementia Strategy was still in its draft form, numerous key partners, groups and individuals had been consulted on it. He advised that as a result of the feedback, the Strategy had been substantially amended to incorporate the suggestions made by respondents. Members of the Committee were asked to note both the report and the draft Dementia Strategy 2016.

The Chair welcomed Maria who had early onset dementia. Maria described her experience following her diagnosis and advised that anyone living with dementia should have the following rights:

1. The right to live hopefully and be encouraged to do so
2. The right to be treated well regardless of age or ability
3. The right to attend groups in their own locality
4. The right to appropriate support
5. The right to be able to access the same service regardless of where they live
6. The right to participate in research
7. The right to be treated with respect
8. The right to be offered therapies and treatments
9. The right to support to participate in society, for example going shopping or using public transport

The Chair thanked Maria for her contribution and added how important it was to hear people's experiences. She recommended that the Committee support the nine recommendations made by Maria and ensure that they were carried forward in the Committee's future work.

The Executive Nurse agreed that the nine rights recommended by Maria should be incorporated into the implementation of the Dementia Strategy. He informed members that the Dementia Steering Group planned to work with local communities and voluntary sector organisations to use the 'Our Manchester' approach in supporting people who had been diagnosed with dementia and he would welcome the involvement of Committee members in this. He offered to bring a report to a future meeting on this post-diagnostic support.

The Committee discussed a range of issues relating to dementia, including the role of GPs, the time taken for a diagnosis and work on dementia-friendly housing schemes.

In response to a question from the Mental Health Champion, the Strategic Director of Adult Social Services advised that there had been no decision from the government on how the Local Housing Allowance cap would apply to supported accommodation including extra care. She reported that the Council would respond to the government consultation on this issue, recommending that it remain exempt from the cap. A member asked to see the consultation document. The Executive Member for Health and Adult Wellbeing recommended that members lobby the government on this issue. The Chair recognised the importance of the Local Housing Allowance for supported accommodation and extra care in Manchester. A member requested that the Chair write to the national government on this issue, to which the Chair agreed.

A member requested information on the capacity of the short break provision, which the Strategic Director for Adult Social Services agreed to provide.

The Committee discussed the challenges for people with dementia in using public transport. A member who was also a member of the Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) Committee outlined TfGM's work to make public transport more accessible and reported that he would welcome any suggestions on further improvements which could be made.

### **Decisions:**

1. To note the report and the Draft Dementia Strategy.
2. To support the nine recommendations made by Maria and ensure that they are carried forward in the Committee's future work.
3. To recognise the importance of the Local Housing Allowance in Manchester for supported accommodation and extra care and to ask the Chair to write to the national government on this issue.
4. To thank Maria and the other people who have contributed to this work.

## **HSC/16/55                      Budget Savings Options**

The Committee received a report and accompanying Directorate Budget reports briefly setting out the financial considerations, current forecast position and savings options for the period to 2019/20. The financial position was based on the best information available at this present time. Appendix 2 to this report set out the detailed findings of the recent budget conversation held with the residents, businesses, partners and other stakeholders of Manchester which were informing the strategic plans for the city. This built on the summary of responses reported to this Committee in October.

The Executive Member for Adults Health and Wellbeing introduced the report and confirmed that the options in the reports have been provided by officers in line with the Our Manchester strategy. The Executive would produce a draft budget in 2017 and final budget decisions would be made in March 2017.

The Strategic Director (Adults) outlined the current budget options process. The Joint Director, Health and Social Care Integration explained the approach of the budget savings options in line with the single commissioning function which would be established in April 2017. She confirmed the approach being taken following the submission of the bid to the Transformation Fund and confirmed that work was underway to combine efficiencies and realise potential savings. Work was also being undertaken to determine how the Council could bring resources together and commission services differently and more efficiently. The Head of Children and Families Finance explained how the Clinical Commissioning Groups and Manchester City Council operated a pooled fund initially from the Better Care Fund, but which had now expanded to include budgets covering Neighbourhood teams, Intermediate care and Reablement. He advised that the intention to expand the pooled fund significantly from 2017/18, detailed in the Locality Plan, was considered a key enabler to fully integrating health and social care, securing financial sustainability and providing the mechanism for funding to flow around the whole health and social care system, to invest in community based services and allow savings to be released through reducing the City Council's contributions into the pool year-on-year. He also added that there was a lot of work to be done including due diligence, financial reporting and partnership agreements.

The Strategic Director (Adults) informed the Committee that Adult Social Care was 29% of the Council's overall budget. She added that demand was increasing and complexity and acuity of care had a cost pressure on budgets nationally, which in turn may lead to difficult decisions to de-commission some services.

The Chair requested that technical language should be avoided in order to remain accessible to the public. She also added that this was an opportunity to request further information from officers to be provided to the Scrutiny Committee at its December meeting. The Chair commented that the detail needed to be expressed more clearly so as to avoid any misinterpretation. Members raised concerns about the difficulty of making decisions without further detail being made available. It was recognised that ongoing work leading up to the Single Commissioning Function and other mitigating factors has delayed the availability of the information. The Strategic

Director (Adults) confirmed that further information would be brought before the Scrutiny Committee before budget decisions were made.

Members of the Committee sought clarification on the detail of the pooled fund and the out of scope services. A member commented on the work of the voluntary sector and community resources. In response to a member's question on public health, the Director for Public Health confirmed that there would be a year-on-year reduction in the public health grant. A member raised concern about the development of the outcome framework and the Director for Public Health agreed to provide more detail.

The Committee discussed the savings options for the Council tax precept, homelessness and the development of the opportunities for residents to make the best use of local parks, outdoor spaces, and community resources and leisure facilities. It was recognised that whilst these fell under the remit of other scrutiny committees, they had an impact on the health and well-being of the city.

A member commented on the need to invest more resource into the prevention of illness given that Manchester has poor health outcomes. A member commented on the sustainability of ensuring that people could be supported whilst living at home for example through aids and adaptations. A member requested further information on mental health given that the current proportion of funding attributed to mental health was low.

**Decision:**

To request a report providing further information on public health spending; the outcome framework; the potential impact on services that are currently delivered or decommissioned as a result of the reductions; the investment in community resources and voluntary sector; aids and adaptations supporting people to live in their homes and mental health.

**HSC/16/56                      Health and Wellbeing Update**

The Committee received a report of the Strategic Director Adult Social Care, the Joint Director, Health and Social Care Integration, and the Head of Corporate Services, Manchester Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG's) which provided members with an overview of developments across health and social care.

A member welcomed the CCG's public and service user engagement activity but asked why Healthwatch Manchester was not included and what their role was. Nick Gomm responded that CCG's had a statutory duty to engage with the public on an ongoing basis which could not be delegated to Healthwatch. He stressed that Healthwatch were independent; but played a parallel and complimentary role in respect of public and service user engagement.

In respect of the Cold Weather Plan a member asked for more information on what was being done at a local level. A member commented that he had attended a recent event where a presentation from the National Energy Action 'Get Warm Soon' campaign was delivered. He expressed concern that Manchester City Council was not doing enough to address fuel poverty and prevent excess winter deaths.

The Director of Public Health advised the Council did have a health profile in respect of excess winter deaths; and assured members that this was addressed through several of the Health and Wellbeing Board's Strategic Priorities, although acknowledged that this needed to be made more explicit. He offered to provide a future report on the action that was being taken to which the Chair agreed. The Strategic Director for Adult Social Services stressed the importance of the Cold Weather Alert Service. She added that relevant staff within social care were kept updated to ensure that appropriate support was offered and precautions followed for vulnerable adults. A member added this was important not just for those in receipt of social care from the Council; and praised the work of Northwards in supporting their residents to respond to cold weather.

**Decisions:**

1. To note the report.
2. To request a future report on the work within Manchester to address fuel poverty and prevent excess winter deaths.

**HSC/16/57 Overview Report**

A report of the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit was submitted. The overview report contained key decisions within the Committee's remit, responses to previous recommendations, reports provided by the CQC listing those organisations that have been inspected within Manchester since the Health Scrutiny Committee last met on 10 November 2016 and the Committee's work programme. The Committee was asked to approve the work programme. The Budget Reports were received late and published in a supplementary agenda as all of the budget reports were published simultaneously.

The Chair informed the Committee that some items on the work programme would be deferred to allow appropriate discussion on the budget at the December meeting to which members agreed.

**Decision:**

To agree the work programme, subject to the above amendment.