

AT A MEETING of the SAFE AND HEALTHY PEOPLE SELECT COMMITTEE of the COUNTY COUNCIL held at The Castle, Winchester on Friday, 28 June 2013.

**PRESENT**

Chairman:  
p Councillor Patricia Stallard

Vice-Chairman  
p Councillor Chris Carter

Councillors:

p Alan Dowden  
a Keith Evans  
p David Harrison  
p Marge Harvey  
a Roger Huxstep  
p Chris Lagdon

p Fiona Mather  
p Andy Moore  
p George Ringrow  
p Steve Rippon-Swaine  
p Frank Rust  
p Martin Tod

Also in attendance at the invitation of the Chairman:  
Councillor Liz Fairhurst, Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing  
Councillor Anna McNair Scott, Executive Member for Adult Services

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Keith Evans and Roger Huxstep.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter considered at the meeting they must declare that interest at the time of the relevant debate and, having regard to the circumstances described in Part 3, Paragraph 1.5 of the County Council's Members' Code of Conduct, leave the meeting while the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Paragraph 1.6 of the Code.

Furthermore Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Non-Pecuniary interest in a matter being considered at the meeting they considered whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 2 of the Code, considered whether it was appropriate to leave the meeting whilst the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with the Code.

Councillor Martin Tod declared a non-pecuniary

interest as he is the Chief Executive of the charity 'Men's Health Forum', which receives funding from NHS England.

3. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Select Committee held on 25 January 2013 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. **DEPUTATIONS**

The Committee did not receive any deputation requests on this occasion.

5. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting, noting that the Committee had a significant number of new Members following the recent elections. Members were encouraged to attend available briefing sessions, such as the New Member Induction briefings and the Member Briefing Programme.

The Chairman expressed her intention to move the 26 July meeting of the Select Committee to 20 September 2013, in order that the work programme of the Committee could be evenly spaced in the 2013/14 year. This would enable the Committee to meet on the same day as both the Executive Member for Adult Services and the Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing (Public Health). It was noted that this move would potentially clash with the Pension Fund Panel, so it was agreed that other potential dates be considered prior to confirmation.

6. **NEW ADMINISTRATION: INTRODUCTION TO SCRUTINY**

The Committee received a presentation from the Director of Policy and Governance on the role of scrutiny at the County Council (take in presentation, Item 6 in Minute Book).

Members received an overview of scrutiny functions and the remit of the committee. Members heard:

- That the role of scrutiny was broader than simply holding the Executive to account for decisions made. Policy review and policy development were important ways in which the select committees could influence and seek improvement.
- That it was important to prioritise topics for scrutiny

New date for meeting to be confirmed with Members.

to ensure the time the Committee spent was focused on areas where it was most likely to add value

- That the quorum for the Committee was three members.

7. **NEW ADMINISTRATION: INTRODUCTION TO KEY SERVICES SCRUTINISED BY THIS COMMITTEE**

The Committee received a presentation from the Director of Adult Services on the functions provided by the Department (take in presentation, Item 7 in the Minute Book.)

Members received an overview of the work of the Department, alongside key challenges for the future, the benefits of integrated working and the offers provided to the population of Hampshire. Members heard:

- That there remains a strong need for the transformation of services so that they better meet the needs of service users and innovative ways that can be provided from within existing resource.
- That Adult Services are both a direct commissioner and provider of services.
- That substantial work was on-going with the NHS and other providers of health and social care services to develop integrated ways of working.
- That the integration agenda would continue to be a key priority going in to the future.

In response to questions, Members heard:

- That the Department are working closely with providers and commissioners of community services to ensure that this area is resourced appropriately to meet increasing demands.
- The shared lives scheme in Hampshire has been very successful, and work could take place to identify whether this model could be further extended across the County.
- That the domiciliary care model in Hampshire requires review in order to ensure that the service is fit for the future. The Committee may wish to identify this as a topic for future scrutiny.
- That Councillors have a role to play in flagging health and social care safeguarding or safety issues in their constituency that may require attention from the Department.

Following the presentation from the Director of Adult Services, the Chairman invited the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and the Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing to provide an overview of their

respective portfolio areas, as well priorities for the year ahead and their envisaged relationship with the Select Committee.

Members thanked the Director and the Executive Members for providing a comprehensive overview of the Department, and an understand of the areas where the Committee may wish to focus for the coming year.

## 8. **ADULT SAFEGUARDING**

The Committee received a report and presentation from the Director of Adult Services on Adult Safeguarding within Hampshire (take in report and presentation, Item 8 in the Minute Book).

Members received an overview of the role of the County Council in safeguarding adults, as well as an understanding of the specific responsibilities of the Adult Safeguarding team. Copies of a Local Government Association publication titled 'Councillor's Briefing – Adult Safeguarding 2013' were made available to members.

Link to electronic version of publication made available to Members.

Members heard:

- That Ms Pamela Charlwood had been appointed as the Chairman of the Hampshire Safeguarding Adults Board, which exists to ensure and oversee the effectiveness of the arrangements made by individual agencies and the wider partnership to safeguard adults from abuse.
- The Safeguarding team has seen a year on year increase in referrals, most notably over the previous year from the mental health sector, which showed that work with partners around increasing referrals had had a positive impact.
- That the Board held its first serious case review in 2012/13, where it reviewed the death of vulnerable service user 'Mr. A', who interacted with a large number of agencies during his lifetime given his severe learning disability and complex needs. The purpose of the review was to establish whether any learning could be taken forward from Mr. A's death; the review found that there were 55 recommendations that could be implemented to improve the service provided to users by various agencies.
- The Safeguarding Team and Board ensure that complaints and referrals are monitored for trends, and that information is shared in a timely fashion to ensure potential issues are flagged for review.
- That the work-programme for the Board in 2013/14 would include;

- Work with Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service to reduce the number of fire deaths of vulnerable people in Hampshire.
- Responding to the Winterbourne View Serious Case Review and Department of Health final report.
- Developing service user involvement in the working of the Board.

Following questions, Members heard:

- That the Hampshire Safeguarding team worked closely with colleagues in the Portsmouth, Southampton and Isle of Wight areas.
- That if a concern is raised by any agency in relation to care provided to a service user in Hampshire, the Hampshire Adult Safeguarding team are able to review the situation and take action, if necessary. This may include removing the service user from their care placement if there was concern for their safety or wellbeing.
- The Safeguarding team and colleagues from the wider Department would be meeting with Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust, the major provider of mental health services in Hampshire, to discuss the findings of the recent Mind report on 'face down' restraints.
- Close working relationships had been established with the Care Quality Commission compliance officer for Hampshire, and meetings occurred at least every eight weeks.
- That the Safeguarding team provides representation to the Quality Surveillance Group managed by NHS England's Wessex Local Area Team. The Care Quality Commission and Monitor are also represented on this Group.

RESOLVED:

That the next adult safeguarding update is provided to the Select Committee at their 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2013 meeting.

9. **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Director of Policy and Governance presented the work programme (Item 9 in the Minute Book).

Members held a discussion to inform each other of their involvement with the topics covered under the Committee's terms of reference, as well as noting their respective constituency areas and any local issues which may come under the remit of the Committee.

Members considered the work programme. The Chairman requested that Members provide her with any subjects that they may wish to review in 2013/14, which she would then consider at her forthcoming planning meeting.

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Chairman, 20 September 2013