
Meeting	Health & Adult Social Care Policy & Scrutiny Committee
Date	18 June 2019
Present	Councillors Doughty (Chair), Cullwick (Vice-Chair), Pearson, Perrett, Waudby, Kilbane and Melly (Substitute)
Apologies	Councillor Musson

1. Declarations of Interest

At this point in the meeting, Members were asked to declare any personal interests not included on the register of interests, any prejudicial interests or any disclosable pecuniary interests which they may have in respect of business on this agenda. None were declared.

2. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes from the previous three meetings of this committee held on 15 January, 12 February and 12 March 2019 be approved and signed as a correct record.

3. Public Participation

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

4. Arrangements for Policy and Scrutiny in York

Members received a report highlighting the structure for the Council's provision of the scrutiny function and the resources available to support it. Scrutiny Officer, Steve Entwistle, was in attendance to present the item and answer questions from Members.

In response to questions regarding the work of the preceding committee, the officer stated that the committee had been

encumbered by its heavy work load in recent years. It was hoped that the removal of the Housing and Community Safety element and the creation of a new Scrutiny Committee would reduce this committee's workload and give Members the chance to pursue more detailed scrutiny objectives.

Members were keen to know whether they could influence the presentation and content of reports to the committee. The officer informed Members that they could and that a meeting between Scrutiny Chairs and Vice Chairs had been arranged for 1 July 2019 to discuss that issue.

5. Presentation from the Director of Public Health

The Director of Public Health was in attendance to introduce the committee to the Public Health aspect of this committee's remit and answer Member questions.

The Director highlighted the statutory responsibilities of Public Health and explained that the position of Director of Public Health has to have a level of independence from the Council.

The Director then highlighted some particular areas of work to the committee and explained Public Health's responsibilities in relation to the following:

- Healthy Child Programme
- Healthy Start Programme
- National Child Measurement Programme
- Sexual Health and Contraception Services
- NHS Health Checks
- Health Protection
- Provision of advice to Commissioners

It was noted by the Director that Smoking Cessation and Alcohol Services were asterisked. This was due to the fact that even though that they are not defined in the Health and Social Care Act 2012, they are in a way mandatory as Public Health has to demonstrate that they are delivering those services.

The Director spoke briefly about a number of non – mandated areas of Public Health work that were based on local need including a Healthy Child Programme for school age, dental public health, Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, Obesity Prevention, Increasing Physical Activity and Workplace Health.

The Director highlighted the following areas as current challenges for York:

- Health inequality between men and women in the most deprived parts of the city
- Obesity in reception age children
- Alcohol related Hospital Admissions
- Self Harm related Hospital Admissions
- Smoking in Pregnancy
- Uptake of Screening Programmes
- Resources and Capacity

The Director went on to speak about 'Health in all Policies' which describes the importance of thinking about the wider determinants of health issues and understanding how we can work with our partners to improve the health of the City.

The Director went on to highlight some potential areas for the committee to focus on including:

- Children's Healthy Weight
- Alcohol consumption

Members were keen to receive information from the Director on the Public Health budget and where the money is spent and to know what percentage of the hospital admissions from Alcohol were York residents. The Director said she would be pleased to share the budgetary information with Members of the committee. The Director said that unfortunately the detail on hospital admissions often had a two or three year time delay however Public Health and partners were working together on establishing real time information. The Director confirmed that she would share what she could.

6. Work Plan 2019/20

Members discussed the Draft Work Plan for 2019/20.

The Scrutiny Officer highlighted that the following dates had been confirmed for future meetings:

- 30 July
- 17 September
- 23 October

It was also noted that there would be a change to the date in November and this would be reported at the next meeting.

The committee agreed to move the following items from July to September's meeting:

- Six monthly Quality Monitoring Report – Residential, Nursing and Homecare Services
- Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Annual Assurance Report

It was noted that the Assistant Director of Health and Adult Social Care would speak with the Chair and potentially organise a briefing session for Member's of the Committee.

Cllr P Doughty , Chair

[The meeting started at 5.30 pm and finished at 7.00 pm].