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HEALTHY LIVING AND SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a remote meeting held on 12th January 2021.

The Committee agenda is available [here](#).

Present: Councillor Mrs. J.E. Charles (Chairman); Councillor N.C. Thomas (Vice-Chairman); Councillors Ms. J. Aviet, O. Griffiths, S.J. Griffiths, T.H. Jarvie, R. Nugent-Finn and J.W. Thomas.

Also present: Councillors B.T. Gray (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health), K.F. McCaffer (Cabinet Member for Leisure, Arts and Culture) and N. Moore (Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources).

323 MINUTES –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2020 be approved as a correct record.

324 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations were received.

325 UPDATE ON THE CARDIFF AND VALE OF GLAMORGAN REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP BOARD (DSS) –

The annual report advised Members on the work of the Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Regional Partnership Board (RPB) in relation to the integration of health and social services and was presented by its Director of Health and Social Care Integration.

The report summarised the progress of the RPB made since the last report received by the Committee in January 2020, recognising the major impact of COVID-19 on services across the partnership and the associated effect on the progress of more strategic developments.

The report concluded with an overview of the key priorities in the coming year, including plans to facilitate long-term financial sustainability for those projects which have proven themselves to be fundamental in supporting successful outcomes for people across the region.

Following the report presentation and subsequent questions raised by Committee Members, the Director of Health and Social Care Integration with support from the Director of Social Services advised the following:

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- The National Pandemic had created a very uncertain picture for RPB services going forward however the vaccine would provide the opportunity to return to some form of normality alongside tackling the Covid-19 virus going forward;
- The immediate priority was to maintain urgent care/services, ensuring that hospital centres continued to function, and remote services were increased;
- Points of innovation identified in response to the national pandemic were being collated to ensure that success was documented and used to maintain and improve services going forward;
- At the start of the national pandemic, the initial guidance received from Welsh Government with regards to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) was unclear and supplies were in deficit. However, as time progressed, guidance became much clearer and supply capacity was significantly increased. The Council continued to operate its own PPE store, as commended by Army representatives/support, and PPE remained essential for staff irrelevant of their vaccination status.

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the work being undertaken by the Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Regional Partnership Board, and progress made, including the outcomes being achieved for local people, be noted.

(2) T H A T the Committee receive further annual updates on the work of the Board.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) Having regard to the content of the report and discussions at the meeting.

(2) To keep Members apprised on the work of the Regional Partnership Board.

326 AUDIT WALES: REVIEW OF OUT-SOURCED LEISURE SERVICES (DEH) –

The Audit Lead for Audit Wales (AW) presented the report, the purpose of which was to advise Committee of the AW review undertaken examining whether the Council's approach to leisure provision was supporting the achievement of its well-being objectives and delivering value for money.

Overall, the positive report findings concluded that the Council was receiving an income from its leisure contract with Legacy Leisure, but needed to assure itself that the contract was providing value for money and strengthen its application of the sustainable development principle when it extended the contract.

In response to the AW report findings and two subsequent Proposals for Improvement, the Council's Director of Environment and Housing and the Operational Manager for Neighbourhood Services, Healthy Living and Performance had developed an action plan which would now be progressed by the Council.

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Following the report presentation and subsequent questions raised by Committee Members, the Operational Manager for Neighbourhood Services, Healthy Living and Performance advised the following:

- Council Officers shared Members views on the importance of engaging with service users at such an unusual time when remote methods were essential and Legacy Leisure was already very active at using social media platforms to communicate with service users;
- It was unfortunate that the start of the national pandemic fell at such time that the recently renovated changing facilities were ready to be opened for use however, this would provide an incentive when centres were permitted to re-open;
- The Council's Leisure contract performed very well in comparison to other Local Authorities providing value for money however, there would always be room for improvement which the action plan would help to achieve.

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the key findings arising from Audit Wales' review of the Council's outsourced Leisure Services (Appendix A to the report) and the Council's response to the review and Audit Wales' proposals for improvement (Appendix B to the report) be noted.

(2) T H A T the report be referred to Audit Committee and thereon to Cabinet for endorsement of the proposed actions to address the proposals for improvement.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) Having regard to the content of the report and discussions at the meeting.

(2) To ensure the Council responds appropriately and implements areas of improvement as identified by Audit Wales.

327 REVENUE AND CAPITAL MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL TO 30TH NOVEMBER 2020 (DSS) –

The Operational Manager for Accountancy advised that the revenue position for 2020/21 was challenging with additional pressure for the service both operationally and financially as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic as set out in previous reports to the Committee. This had impacted both as a result of incurring additional expenditure but also from a loss of income. Funding had been provided by Welsh Government to cover some of the issues.

Subsequently it was

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the position with regard to the 2020/21 revenue and capital budgets be noted.

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Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the content of the report and discussions at the meeting.

328 3RD QUARTER SCRUTINY DECISION TRACKING OF
RECOMMENDATIONS AND UPDATED WORK PROGRAMME SCHEDULE
2020/21 (MD) –

The Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer presented the report to update Members on progress on the Scrutiny Committee's historical recommendations and to confirm the Committee's updated Forward Work Programme (FWP) for 2020/21.

The Director of Social Services drew the Committee's attention to Appendix C and the recommendation relating to Adult Day Service Meal Provision and advised that he had withdrawn the relevant Cabinet report from the Cabinet Forward Work Programme in light of the significant changes to Day Services. Therefore, given the significant passage of time since the Committee's recommendation was raised and the recovery work now underway as a result of the national pandemic for the service, suggested that the recommendation be closed and removed from future tracking.

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the status of the actions listed as completed in Appendices A and B to the report be agreed.
- (2) T H A T the status of the actions listed as completed in Appendix C to the report be agreed.
- (3) T H A T the action listed as ongoing in Appendix C to the report be marked as completed.
- (4) T H A T the updated Forward Work Programme Schedule attached at Appendix D to the report be approved and uploaded to the Council's website.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1&2) To maintain effective tracking of the Committee's recommendations.
- (3) The recommendation is deemed as no longer requiring consideration given the significant passing of time and changes to Cabinet reporting on the relevant service in response to the national pandemic.
- (4) For information.