

**NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF SCRUTINY PANEL 4 - ADULT SOCIAL CARE FACILITIES**

**Thursday, 9 August 2018**

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT:** Councillor Sally Beardsworth (Deputy Chair, in the Chair) ,  
Councillors Julie Davenport, Janice Duffy, Anamul Haque, Jamie Lane, Brian Oldham and Cathrine Russell

**Officer** Tracy Tiff, Scrutiny Officer

**1. CHAIR OF THE SCRUTINY PANEL**

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor Zoe Smith is asked to be Chair of this Scrutiny Panel. Councillor Sally Beardsworth to be Deputy Chair.

Councillor Beardsworth took up the Chair for the meeting and would remain in the Chair until the meeting of the Panel where the Chair would be formally agreed.

AGREED: That Councillor Zoe Smith is asked to be the Chair of this Scrutiny Panel. Councillor Sally Beardsworth to be Deputy Chair.

**2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chair welcomed all those present to the inaugural meeting of the Scrutiny Panel – Adult Social Care Facilities.

**3. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Penny Flavell. The Scrutiny Panel conveyed its condolences to Councillor Flavell for her loss.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Brian Oldham declared an interest as his daughter works within adult social care at NCC. The declaration was for the life of the Review.

**5. DEPUTATIONS/PUBLIC ADDRESS**

There were none.

**6. SCOPE OF THE REVIEW**

The Scrutiny Panel, considered in depth, the draft scope for the Review – Adult Social Care Facilities, making a number of updates and further inclusions.

AGREED: That the scope of the Review – Adult Social Care Facilities , is presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 24 September 2018 for approval.

## **7. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The background information was noted.

The meeting concluded at 6:26 pm



## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

### SCRUTINY PANEL 4 - ADULT SOCIAL CARE FACILITIES

#### 1. Purpose/Objectives of the Review

- To investigate Adult Social Care Facilities in the area to identify future demand patterns, in order that any new Unitary Council is able to better plan for the needs of older people.

#### Key Lines of Enquiry

- To gain an understanding of the demand patterns for Adult Social Care in the area that is proposed for the new Unitary Council
- To assess the extent of the need for Adult Social Care in the area and assess the initiatives currently in place to provide Adult Social Care
- To gain an understanding of the causes and barriers to receiving Adult Social Care
- To gain an understanding of the current facilities for Adult Social Care and whether there are any gaps of provision
- To gain an understanding of partnership working for Adult Social Care and how this can be improved
- To gain an understanding of the structure of the Adult Integrated Care Programme
- To gain an understanding of the Governance Arrangements for the Social Care Integrated Programme
- Identify any specific groups that are not accessing Adult Social Care Facilities
- To gain an understanding of care in the community and how it is assessed and monitored
- To gain an understanding of the extent of adult care responsibilities that will fall upon the proposed new Unitary Authority and the degree of necessary preparation.
- To gain an appreciation of the statutory responsibilities in respect of the duty of care obligations and their financial consequences.

## 2. Outcomes Required

- To identify future demand patterns, in order that any new Unitary Council is able to better plan for the needs of older people
- To make recommendations, as appropriate, regarding future Social Adult Care facilities
- To make recommendations, as appropriate, to the MPs
- To submit the final report of the Scrutiny Panel to the shadow Board for the new Unitary Council

## 3. Information Required

- Background data
- Background reports
- Best practice data
- Desktop research
- Evidence from expert internal witnesses
- Evidence from expert external witnesses
- Site visits (if applicable)

## 4. Format of Information

- Background data, including:
  - Presentation to set the scene: Current Adult Social Care Facilities
  - Relevant national and local background research papers
  - Definitions in respect of Adult Social Care
  - Relevant Council Policies, Project Plans, Business Plans and Strategies:
  - Relevant Statistics
  - Relevant Legislation and Guidance, including:
    - ADASS Guidance 2009
    - The Health and Social Care Act 2012
    - CARE Act 2014
    - Human Rights Act 1998
    - Mental Health Act 1983
  - Relevant published papers on Adult Social Care

- Best practice external to Northampton
- Report back from the Centre for Public Scrutiny Conference – Health and Social Care
- Internal expert advisors:
  - Cabinet Member for Housing, NBC
  - Head of Housing and Wellbeing, NBC
- External expert advisors:
  - Head of Protecting Vulnerable Persons, Northamptonshire Police
  - Director of Public Health, Northamptonshire County Council
  - Director, Healthwatch Northamptonshire
  - Director, Northampton Health Trust
  - Ward Managers, Northampton General Hospital
  - Other various representatives of Northants Health including GPs
  - Chief Executive, Northants - Age UK
  - Chief Executive, Northants Carers' Associations
  - Manager, Independent Living organisation, Northampton
  - Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Northamptonshire County Council
  - Director for Adult Social Care, Northamptonshire County Council
- Case Studies from Ward Councillors
- Site visits, as applicable

## **5. Methods Used to Gather Information**

- Minutes of meetings
- Desktop research
- Site visits
- Officer reports
- Presentations
- Examples of best practice
- Witness Evidence:-
  - Key witnesses as detailed in section 4 of this scope

## **6. Co-Options to the Review**

- To be confirmed

## **7. Community Impact Screening Assessment**

- A Community Impact Screening Assessment to be undertaken on the scope of the Review

## **8. Evidence gathering Timetable**

August 2018 – March 2019

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| • 9 August 2018   | - Scoping meeting       |
| • 8 October       | - Evidence gathering    |
| • 6 November      | - Evidence gathering    |
| • 6 December      | - Evidence gathering    |
| • 17 January 2019 | - Evidence gathering    |
| • 11 February     | - Evidence gathering    |
| • 1 April         | - Approval final report |

Various site visits will be programmed during this period, if required.

Meetings to commence at 6.00 pm

## **9. Responsible Officers**

Laurie Gould Solicitor and Tracy Tiff, Scrutiny Officer

## **10. Final report presented by:**

Completed by April 2019. Presented by the Chair of the Panel to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and then to Cabinet.

## **11. Monitoring procedure:**

Review the impact of the report after six months